

13 June 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Leaving Arrangements June 2018

As the GCSEs rapidly draw to a close, I wanted to write to you for obvious reasons.

Firstly, I wanted to thank you for your fantastic, unwavering support during your son/daughter's time with us here at Outwood Bydales. The year group have conducted themselves with unprecedented levels of commitment to their studies; we are so proud of them! Their warm, genuine support of each other, and their willingness to grab hold of every learning opportunity we have offered has been completely awe-inspiring. The year group have approached all aspects of their work with excellent focus, and I have no doubt that your work at home, coaxing them to revise systematically, alongside encouraging attendance at all the after-school Enrichments, has made all the difference. I have no idea whether the 'Revision-Run-Streak Challenge' has made any difference, but at least I'm fitter! Thank you so much for making arrangements for your son/daughter to attend our numerous 7.30am Revision Breakfasts Sessions, ahead of each morning GCSE examination. We've had an average attendance of 117 students (96% of the year group) across all of the various sessions; this could not have happened without the fantastic teamwork between students, teachers and parents alike.

Secondly, I wanted to explain the arrangements for Year 11 leaving, as we enter the last few days of their time with us, including the Leavers' Assembly on Tuesday 19 June.

Wed 13 June – 7.30am Chemistry Revision Breakfast, AM Chemistry GCSE Exam, PM Physics masterclass until 2.30pm

Thurs 14 June – AM Physics Masterclass Period 1 & Period 2, until 10.25am. Students can then go home after their masterclass* **except** Business Communication students who have a PM Business Masterclass until 2.30pm

Fri 15 June – 7.30am Physics Revision Breakfast, AM Physics GCSE Exam. Students can then go home after the examination*

Mon 18 June – 7.30am Business Revision Breakfast, AM Business GCSE Exam. Business students can then go home after the examination* Period 3 & Period 4 Statistics Masterclass. Statistics students can then go home after their masterclass*

Tues 19 June – **9.30am Leavers' Assembly and Full English Breakfast**, followed by shirt and book signing, with teachers joining the celebration. Students will then leave at 11.00am. Students must attend in full uniform, and bring a spare shirt for signing. They will NOT be given the opportunity to visit lockers.

Wednesday 20 June – Period 1 Statistics masterclass. Statistics students can then go home after the masterclass*

Thurs 21 June – 7.30am Statistics Revision Breakfast, AM Statistics GCSE Exam.

** A study room will be made available if students can't go home during the middle of the day.*

TUESDAY 26 JUNE PROM AT GISBOROUGH HALL – ARRIVAL between 6.30 – 6.45pm

Finally, a little bit of housekeeping at this time too.

Students must continue to wear full uniform when attending any remaining revision breakfasts, masterclasses and examinations.

Students do need to 'clear' any outstanding lunchtime debts via our Robertson's catering team. If you get a chance to log onto ParentPay and check balances that would be appreciated.

Lockers should start to be emptied over the next few days please. This makes it easier than all doing so on Thursday, which is the last exam for many. There will not be an opportunity to empty lockers on the Leavers' Assembly Breakfast, as they will be based in the Main Hall for breakfast, shirt signing etc.

We do need the last few Lord of the Flies and A Christmas Carol texts, ready for students starting their GCSE English courses shortly.

I must stress that students must attend in full uniform for the Leaver's Assembly and Breakfast at 9.30am on Tuesday 19 June, or they will be turned away. A spare shirt makes it simpler for signing please. Statistics students who have a remaining exam cannot wear a signed shirt for their exam on Thursday 21 June, for obvious reasons! We would at the end of assembly encourage blazer, tie and PE kit donations in exchange for Leavers' Hoodies which will be given out!

Details about **Results Day** on our website www.bydales.outwood.com/exams but basically 10am until noon on **Thursday 23 August 2018**. There are details on the website about what to do if a student is not attending in person.

I will write again to you shortly, with a couple of other requests, but in the meantime I wish you and your families well, your son/daughter all the very best for a bright future, and I will see you at the Prom in a couple of weeks' time no doubt, as students arrive in all their splendor! Year 11 are a genuine credit to their parents and families, not just for their studious approach and resilience, but for their warmth and friendliness too.

Kind regards, as ever, on behalf of all the teachers and staff at Outwood Academy Bydales,



Andrew Wappat
Principal