

13 June 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Leaving Arrangements June 2017

As the GCSE season draws to a close, I wanted to write to you for obvious reasons.

Firstly, I wanted to thank you for your incredible support during your son/daughter's time with us here at Bydales. The year group have proven to be nothing short of awe-inspiring with regard to their commitment to their studies, their genuine support of each other, and their willingness to grab hold of every learning opportunity we have offered them. Year 11 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. Thank you too 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 150 students (97% of the year group) across all of the English, maths and science 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 Monday 19 June.

Tues 13 June – 7.30am Maths Revision Breakfast, AM Maths GCSE Exam, PM Chemistry Masterclasses

Wed 14 June – 7.30am Chemistry Revision Breakfast, AM Chemistry GCSE Exam(s).

Students can then go home* after their exam, **unless** they have yet to complete their ECDL qualification or their History GCSE masterclass and then PM History GCSE Exam

**We will provide rooms for students to revise if they are unable to go home after their exam(s).*

Thurs 15 June – **Students who have not completed their ECDL qualification come in 8.20am.**

Students who've completed ECDL come to school for 12 noon*, to have lunch/PM Physics Masterclasses

**We will provide rooms for students to revise if they have to arrive at the alternative time (only) of 8.20am.*

Fri 16 June – 7.30am Physics Revision Breakfast, AM Physics GCSE Exam(s).

Students can then go home* after their exam, **unless** they have yet to complete their ECDL qualification.

Mon 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.

Tues 20 June – **Students who have not completed their ECDL qualification come in as normal.**

Students who have **Additional Maths GCSE** come in for Masterclass at 11.00am, followed PM exam.

Students who have **Statistics GCSE** come in for Lunch/PM Masterclass at 12 noon

Wed 21 June – **Students who have not completed their ECDL qualification come in as normal.**

Students who have **Statistics GCSE** come in for PM Masterclass at 1.30pm

Thurs 22 June – **Students who have not completed their ECDL qualification come in as normal.**

Students who have **Statistics GCSE** come in for 8.20am, with exam at 8.45am

THURS PROM AT GISBOROUGH HALL – ARRIVAL between 6.30 – 6.45pm

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

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

We had a Year 11 Photograph taken earlier in the year, and there are three different versions. Students can buy one or more of these, and should bring the money in as soon as possible to Mr Burton. These will then be ordered, ready for collection on Results Day which is on Thursday 24 August 10.00-11.00am

Lockers should start to be emptied over the next few days please. This makes it easier than all doing so on Friday. There will not be an opportunity to empty lockers on the Leavers' Assembly Day, as they will be based in the Main Hall for breakfast, shirt signed 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 Monday 19 June, or they will be turned away. A spare shirt makes it simpler for signing please. Students who have remaining exams cannot wear a signed shirt for their exams later in the week, for obvious reasons! We would at the end of assembly encourage blazer and tie donations in exchange for Leavers' Hoodies!

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 next week 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 friendless too.

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



Andrew Wappat
Principal