

10 June 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Leaving Arrangements June 2019

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 child'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. Thank you so much for making arrangements for your child to attend our numerous 7.30am Revision Breakfasts Sessions, ahead of each morning GCSE examination. We've had an average attendance of 147 students (92% 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 Thursday 20 June**.

Monday 10 June – All students are in school for the full day. Maths Masterclass Period 3 and Period 5.

Tuesday 11 June – All students are in school for the full day. 7.30am Maths Revision Breakfast, **AM GCSE Maths exam**. Period 3 History Masterclass, P4 and Period 5 **PM GCSE History exam**. Period 3, 4 and 5 all non-History students attend timetabled lessons.

Wednesday 12 June – 7.30am Chemistry Revision Breakfast, **AM GCSE Chemistry exam**. Students can then go home except Geography and German students who attend a Period 3 German and Geography Masterclass. Period 4 **PM GCSE German exam**. Period 4 Geography Masterclass continued. Period 5 and after-school; 2.30 – 3.30pm Geography recap for Geography students who were in the German exam and any Geography students who wish to extend their revision.

Thursday 13 June – 7.30am Geography Revision Breakfast, **AM GCSE Geography exam**. All other students arrive for Period 3, 4 and 5 Science Masterclass **or** Period 3 Statistics Masterclass, P4 and 5 **PM GCSE Statistics exam**.

Friday 14 June – 7.30am Physics Revision Breakfast, **AM GCSE Physics exam**. Students can then go home except German students who attend Period 3 and 4 Masterclass and leave at 1.00pm.

Monday 17 June – 7.30am German Revision Breakfast, **AM GCSE German exam**. Period 4 & 5 Statistic Masterclass. There will be a *study room available Period 3 for students who take German and Statistics.

Tuesday 18 June – 7.30am Statistics Revision Breakfast, **AM GCSE Statistics exam**.

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

Wednesday 19 June – Year 11 students not in school

Thursday 20 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.

Friday 21 June - Prom at Gisborough Hall, arrival between 6.30 – 6.45pm

The prom will finish at 11.00pm prompt, please ensure transport home is arranged for this time.

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.

Students should start emptying lockers over the next few days please. This makes it easier than all doing so on Friday, 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 returned, students should also return and get signed off; revision guides for History, Geography, French and German, ready for other students starting their GCSE courses shortly.

I must stress that students must attend in full uniform for the Leaver’s Assembly and Breakfast at 9.30am on Thursday 20 June, or they will be turned away. A spare shirt makes it simpler for signing please. 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** is on our website www.bydales.outwood.com/exams but basically, students may collect their results from the Academy between 10am until noon on **Thursday 22 August 2019**. There are details on the website about what to do if a student is not attending in person.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families well, your child all the very best for a bright future, and I will see you at the Prom, no doubt, as students arrive in all their splendour! 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.

Finally, I would kindly request that the parent/carers of all our Y11 leavers, complete a quick on-line survey based on standard Ofsted questions. Please follow the link <https://tinyurl.com/surveyY11> as your feedback is a crucial tool, which we use to continue to develop and grow as an Academy and provide the support our young people need to develop into well-rounded and resilient adults.

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



Seana Rice
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