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Dear Year 13 students, Parents and Carers

We wanted to take this opportunity to write to you with some important updates specific to year 13. Please read the following information carefully.

### **Leaving date**

Year 13 will officially leave school on **25 June 2021**. However, unless students have been specifically directed to come into school to complete outstanding assessments or coursework, students are not required to be on site after the half term holiday. The last day in school for the majority of students will therefore be **Friday 28 May 2021**. On this date, students will attend normal lessons in the morning and have a short celebration in the afternoon. They will be dismissed from school site at their usual time.

### **Arrangements after May Half Term**

Students remain on school roll until 25 June, and we have a responsibility until this date to check that students are safe. We will therefore be asking students to register twice a week with their form tutor on Teams. Students will be given further instruction about this in the week prior to half term.

From Monday 7 June to Friday 25 June, we are directing students to a range of activities that they can complete at home to help them prepare for the next steps in their education. These activities include Careers guidance, CV writing and suggested bridging and enrichment work for those intending to apply for university. These resources can all be found in the Year 13 Teams group under the channel '**Next Steps**'.

### **Exam results day**

Exam results day for Year 13 is **Tuesday 10th August 2021**. On this date, students will receive their **teacher-assessed grades (TAGs)** from the exam boards for all the qualifications they are entered for. Please see ["https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofqual"](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofqual) for a reminder of how the awarding process will work; students have signed a declaration for each subject confirming that they understand this process. A copy of our Centre Policy is available on our website.

Due to the continuing government guidelines for schools relating to Covid19, we have had to put in place some different arrangements around the collection of examination results this year. The main purpose of these is to ensure we do not have too many students in the school at any one time, so that appropriate distancing can be maintained for students and staff.

We are inviting students into school at specific times based on their surname. Students should arrive promptly for their stated time (but not more than 5 minutes before this) so that we can limit the number of students on site at any one time. On arrival, staff will direct students to where they will collect their results.

<b>Surname beginning with</b>	<b>Collection time</b>
A to G	9:30 AM
H to N	10:00 AM
O to Z	10:30 AM

Once the results have been collected, students will be directed to a member of staff who will support them with confirming their next steps. UCAS and apprenticeship support will take place in the Hub with Ms Bell and the NE6 team.

Please note that due to our current health and safety risk restrictions, we cannot allow parents, friends, or other relatives into the school building on results day. Students must attend individually at their allocated time. We politely ask that parents wait at the school gate if accompanying their child to school. Results will be posted to students who do not collect them in person on 10th August. However, we would strongly encourage all students who are able to do so to collect their results in person, so that they can receive the support they need to help them move onto their next steps.

### **School email accounts**

We will keep Year 13 students' school email accounts and Teams access active until 31 August 2021. This means that we will still be able to communicate with students as needed until their school leave date, and likewise, students are still welcome to get in touch with us if they have any questions or require any support. Email and Teams notifications should be kept switched on until 31 August, and students should check regularly for updates. School accounts will be closed after 31 August, so please make sure any important messages or attachments are downloaded and saved before this date.

### **Free School Meal Vouchers**

Students who are eligible for Free School Meals will have the option of collecting a packed lunch from reception each day from 7 June to 25 June. We will contact you separately if your child is eligible for this service.

### **Return of textbooks**

Year 13 must return any textbooks or revision guides belonging to the school **by Friday 25 June** at the latest.

### **A final message for Year 13**

I appreciate it has been a strange and difficult year for Year 13 students – certainly not one that any of us could have anticipated. You have all shown great resilience and determination in adapting to the current circumstances, and these skills will stand you in great stead for the rest of your lives. I wish you all the best of luck in the future and look forward to hearing about your future successes, we are always happy to hear from our alumni!

Yours faithfully



**Mrs J Lamb**  
Head of school