

6 May 2021

For Parents / Carers of Year 11

Dear Parents/Carers,

The last year or so has been like nothing we have ever experienced. Almost every element of our lives has changed and not least, the educational experience of our children. And yet, despite this hugely disrupted period and the cancellation of GCSE examinations, which has created potentially even more work than actually sitting the GCSE exams, our Year 11 students have been phenomenal. They have risen to the challenge and have worked tirelessly to achieve the best grades possible and ensure that they have enough evidence to support these grades.

Sadly, there will be no Prom or Prom Breakfast to mark the end of their time at Outwood Academy Shafton. However, we are desperate to celebrate their time with us and we hope to have a celebration occasion straight after school on the Thursday 27 May and on the morning of the Friday 28 May, which will be the last normal day in the academy for Year 11. Further details regarding this will be shared as we approach the day.

The **official** leaving date for Year 11 remains Friday 25 June and you will need to contact Mr Bray if you would like your child to continue to attend the academy in June, although it should be noted that it will not be possible to change any Teacher Assessed Grades after the end of May. We will also make available online a series of resources for Year 11 students, to support their transition to post 16 education, which will be available throughout June, and further details will follow in due course.

I have no doubt that your son/daughter will continue to show the same dedication and determination throughout the next 3 weeks, as they attempt to secure the best GCSE grades possible. It is still unclear quite what format GCSE Results Day (Thursday 12 August) will take and we will communicate this closer to the date, although I would like to think that we could celebrate your child's achievements in some way on this day.

Possibly for the last time, I would like to thank you once again for your ongoing and relentless support.

Yours sincerely,



Alison McQueen
Principal

Josh Bray
Y11 Learning Manager