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Dear Parent

End of Year 11 & Update on Future Arrangements

I am sure you will agree that the last 5 years seem to have flown by. It does not feel that long ago that your child was making their way through the school gates for their very first day of Year 7 and now here we are approaching the end of their secondary school journey. These past few months have certainly been unprecedented and far from what anyone would have expected the academic year to be like when it began in September. I am immensely proud of every Year 11 student and the resilience they have shown in the face of adversity created by the COVID-19 virus. The class of 2020 will forever have a unique story to tell.

Of course, this will not be the last contact you or your child have with school. There are several arrangements that still need to be finalised and communicated to you. Due to the frequent updates from the DfE which affect how schools operate at this time, it is not possible to fully answer all the questions that I am sure you and your child still have. I have itemised the information we do have in the sections below and we will be in touch to update this as more information becomes available.

GCSE Results Day

I am sure that the most important consideration for you and your child continues to be how they will receive their GCSE results so that they can confirm arrangements for their post-16 education. Fortunately, the date that students in Year 11 receive these has not changed and we look forward to sharing results with students on Thursday 20 August. Exact arrangements for how students will receive these will need to be confirmed closer to the time so that we can ensure they are informed by the most up-to-date government guidance for schools.

Post-16 Course Enrolment

In most cases, students need to confirm GCSE results and complete their enrolment with their chosen post-16 education provider on the same day as they receive their GCSE results from school. It is vital that your child meets the requirements for enrolment, otherwise they may risk losing their place on the course they have worked hard to secure. It is likely that arrangements for this will be different than in previous years and each post-16 provider operates differently. Please check that your child is aware of the requirements for their chosen course and provider so that their enrolment is confirmed. They should contact the post-16 education provider if there are any queries.



Year 11 Prom

I have received lots of queries from students and parents alike about the prospect of a Year 11 Prom or other forms of leavers' celebration. Whilst it is still our wish to give the Year 11 students some form of leavers' celebration, we cannot make any further plans regarding this at present. This is because there is no way to facilitate anything of this nature whilst also keeping everyone safe and compliant with the current lockdown arrangements in England. Any plans put in place would still be subject to change or cancellation at any time – and as such, among other considerations, we do not want to encourage people to incur any additional expense in this regard until there is more certainty about what can be done for Year 11. Until this is possible, we will not be able to consider any form of leavers' celebration as a school.

Student Accounts on the School Computer Network

When the academic year comes to an end on Friday 24 July, Year 11 students will formally be taken off the school roll. Part of this process will mean that their school email accounts, including the ability to remotely log in to the school network, will be closed. I am aware that many students have been using their school email account to communicate with sixth forms, colleges and employers and there may be documents saved on their school accounts that they wish to keep for the future. Students should ensure that any important documents or emails have been saved somewhere away from the school network before Friday 24 July so that they do not lose access to these.

I hope that this information goes some way to addressing the queries you and your child may have at this time. As mentioned earlier in this letter, when there are further updates to any of this we will make sure you are made aware as soon as possible. If you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

As further communication from the school may not come from me, I wanted to take this opportunity to express my personal thanks for your support over the last 4 years that I have been your child's Head of Year. I would like to encourage your child to stay in contact with the school and keep us updated about their achievements as they move onto the next exciting chapter of their lives. Their form tutor and I are incredibly proud of their achievements to-date and know that, although they are leaving secondary education at Lees Brook, they will represent themselves and our school with pride as they embody the characteristics of our school motto "Lead, Believe, Create, Succeed" in all they set out to accomplish in the future. We have enjoyed getting to know this incredible group of students as individuals and truly wish each one of them all the best for the future.

Yours sincerely

Chris Moore
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