

17 July 2020

Dear Year 11

Goodbye, but see you soon!

Well here we are. It is the end of a term like no other. And you have been, and it has been, a Year 11 like no other. As we enter the holidays, I wanted to write to say 'goodbye', but 'see you soon' too. More of that below.

As a staff we have missed you all massively. In March you were 'on fire' as the GCSEs approached, ticking off your Enrichments, getting those 'Prom Passport' credits, working hard on that revision, and being ever more focused in lessons. Teachers, directors, one-to-one tutors, teaching assistants were all proud of you as you accelerated your efforts towards those exams that never actually happened.

Mrs Rowe, your wonderful Learning Manager, has found it very tough too, especially as she was preparing a proper Leavers' Assembly, Breakfast and Prom for you.

We have put together a video message for you from all the staff here at Outwood Normanby, and included some photographs of you (taken this year only!) too. We are saving all the photos from your five years at the school for the Prom, so apologies if you didn't appear on this quick 'we are proud of you' film here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1I3HZC0dSo>

Prom – Thursday 12 November

We have provisionally booked Gisborough Hall for your rescheduled Prom on Thursday 12 November. We didn't want to risk booking in October and then have to change again if the government coronavirus information still prohibits certain larger gatherings. We hope you will still want to go!

We have created a survey to collect your thoughts on how the Prom should run, whether that date suits you or whether you think we should try October or December. We also want to know rough numbers who might go, and take feedback on suggestions for how we might suitably mark the end of your secondary school years. Please do complete the survey here: <https://forms.gle/g3TmMt1frTG8cP338>

Hoodies – Shop open until Monday 20 July

Back by popular demand! The original batch of hoodies were delivered straight to your homes a couple of weeks ago. We were asked by a number of you to reopen the hoodie shop so more could order them, and we have now opened it a third time by request! It really will close for good on Monday 20 July, so please order now if you want to! The webpage is <https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/leavers-hoodies-login>
User name: SL52075 Password: 52075outwood

Results Day – Thursday 20 August

We are having an 'in person' Results Day on Thursday 20 August for Year 11 (and later in the day for Year 10). It will need to follow social distancing, and so students will need to arrive in small groups at pre-arranged times to collect their results, and gain extra support with college places and post-16 plans, if needed. In the [survey above](#) we have asked you to name a few friends that you were expecting to come in with. This will allow us to write to you shortly with a time slot, that isn't random. No obligation, we just thought it would help on the day.

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College courses in September, and ongoing Careers Advice

We are keen to make sure everyone in Year 11 continues to be set-up for their college, training and apprenticeship places for September. Elaine Barker, our CareersInc advisor, has been in touch with those of you who have still been unsure. You can get still get virtual careers advice from her by completing this online form here: <https://tinyurl.com/y3b3dcbz> In our [survey above](#) we've also asked about your current college plans, and whether you would like some support from us.

Do also make sure that you are getting on with Bridging Work for your future college courses! We have put all the bridging work from across Teesside, that we are aware of, on a webpage for you called www.normanby.outwood.com/y11transition There you can also find links to college virtual tours, browse post-16 courses and still apply for September places.

Year 11 Intervention Feedback

We've asked a few questions in the [survey above](#) about the support you have had from us this year, and your views on which type was the most helpful. It would be great if you could reflect on this and let us know, so we can try and support our 2021 Leavers as best we can.

Finally, enjoy your summer. Spend time with family and friends, try to ease yourself into sensible routines well ahead of September, it will be easier when you start at college! Thank you SO much for being an incredible group of young people – warm, friendly, imaginative, funny, confident and above all, supportive of each other. That is really quite special.

Goodbye, but see you soon.

Yours faithfully



Andrew Wappat
Principal