



Venerable Bede Church of England Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are all aware that our Year 11 pupils are coming toward the end of their exams, and toward the end of their 5-year journey through secondary education. They have tackled the examinations with maturity, and have had a genuine determination to succeed. We hope that they all do themselves proud when the results are released in August. We wish every one of them good luck as they move into the next stage of their education, employment or training. We would like to think that they will carry with them our Christian values of Joy, Hope, Forgiveness, Wisdom and Perseverance as they travel life's path.

So that we can say farewell to Year 11 properly, we will be having a **"Leavers Afternoon" on Thursday 23 June. Pupils in Year 7, 8, 9, and 10 will follow their usual timetable during the day up until period 4. Pupils in these year groups will be dismissed from school early between 1.30pm and 1.45pm.** We appreciate that there might be some parents/carers who cannot organise for their children to leave school until the usual finishing time of 3.00pm. If this is the case, please use the contact us form on the school website to make us aware ([CLICK HERE](#)). Please give details of your child's name and their Year group and that you are not able to allow them to leave until 3.00pm. Your request will be sent to your child's Head of Year who will coordinate their supervision from 1.45pm until 3.00pm. Curriculum enrichment activities will be set for all pupils to complete during the afternoon (whether they are in school or at home).

Year 11 pupils have their GCSE Physics examination on the morning of 23 June. After the exam, pupils will go home as usual as all their exams have finished. Pupils are welcome to return to school for a last lunch if they would like to do so. It is important that Year 11 pupils return to school no earlier than 12.25pm and sign in at the main entrance. They should then make their way to the Bistro (whether they want lunch or not) to sit and wait for the Leaver's Afternoon to begin.

During the Leavers Afternoon, Year 11 pupils will have the opportunity to take photos, sign shirts and say their last farewells to the staff and their year group. It would make sense for each pupil to bring a spare white shirt with them if they want to have others sign it. Pupils should wear their current school uniform one last time!

We would like to remind Year 11 pupils that they should return any books which they have borrowed from school, and empty their lockers (ideally before the Leavers Afternoon), returning their locker key to the main office.

We are always trying to look for ways of reducing costs and upcycling school uniform items. If you are, or will be, buying any new items of school uniform or have **any surplus uniform that is in decent condition, we would appreciate anything that you are able to donate. There is an upcycling box in the main reception area where these pre-loved items can be dropped off.**



Finally, I would like to leave you with a quote from Isaiah 28:31. This quote forms the basis of our School motto “Soar to the Heights Together”.

Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.
He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
they will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

We wish our Class of 2022 a fond farewell. We hope that they can find their strength to “Soar” in whatever challenges they face throughout life’s journey.

Yours faithfully



Mr. D. Airey
Headteacher

