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Northern Lights Learning Trust



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Dear Parent/Carer

We will be hosting our "Leavers Celebration" on **Monday 19th June at 3.30 pm**. I am delighted to invite you and your child so that we can celebrate together and say farewell to Year 11 properly.

The car park gates will be open from 3.15 pm for parents and carers attending this celebration. Upon arrival we kindly ask that parents make their way to the hall, and take a seat in the area allocated at the back. Year 11 pupils should make their way to the English corridor, where each form group will have a clearly identified classroom to gather with the rest of their form group and their form tutor. Tutor groups will enter the ceremony together, and take their places at the front of the hall. ***Year 11 pupils are expected to wear their school uniform one last time as this is a formal event in school. Shorts are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn.***

We recognise that capturing and sharing photographs and films of our activities can help us celebrate the success and achievements of our pupils. However, the welfare and comfort of our pupils taking part in the ceremony is paramount. Filming and taking photos during the formal ceremony is prohibited.

The formal ceremony should last approximately 45 minutes. Following this, the celebration will continue in the Bistro with opportunities for parents, carers and Year 11 pupils to take photos (with consent) etc. Year 11 pupils will also have an opportunity to sign their shirts and say their last farewells to staff and their year group. If a pupil does want to have a shirt signed by their friends and teachers, we strongly suggest that they bring a shirt along with them for this purpose. We discourage pupils from signing shirts which others are wearing.

Light refreshments will be provided for pupils and their parents and carers in the Bistro.

Additional Information

We would like to remind Year 11 pupils that they should return any books which they have borrowed from school. This might include books from the school library as well as books from subject areas. If pupils are returning books, we ask that they are put into a carrier bag with the pupil's name clearly written on it. This way we can make sure that staff know who has returned what to them. By now pupils should have emptied out their school locker. Locker keys should be returned on the day of the celebration if at all possible. There will be staff in the Bistro who will accept returned locker keys and mark pupils as having returned the key.

We are always trying to look for new ways of reducing costs and upcycling school uniform items. If you have any items of good quality pre-loved uniform, we would willingly accept donations. There is an upcycling box in the main reception area where these pre-loved items can be dropped off.

We wish our Class of 2023 a fond farewell. We hope that they can find their strength to "Soar to the heights together" in whatever challenges they face throughout life's journey.



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Yours faithfully

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Year 11 Pastoral Year Group Manager



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