



15<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer

### **Re: Leavers' arrangements**

I would just like to start by saying a heartfelt thank you. It has been an absolute privilege to work with your children over the last 18 months. Sometimes adversity brings greater togetherness. Despite the various challenges presented by the pandemic, our staff and students have worked tirelessly together. I will certainly never forget the Class of 2022! My first Year 11 cohort at Armthorpe, but also a genuinely lovely set of students who we will miss immensely. We are hopeful the students will attain what they deserve in the Summer; we are certainly confident we could not have worked any harder together. Regardless of the outcomes, we are immensely proud of the resilience and responsibility our Year 11 cohort have demonstrated. Whilst enforced, their experiences over the last 18 months are valuable life skills that will certainly aid them at Armthorpe and beyond.

### **Last exam - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

The final exam takes place on the morning of Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and will be concluded by 11am. There will be an opportunity immediately after the exam for students to sign one another's shirts, write in leavers' books and say goodbye to staff and their peers. In the interests of the rest of the school functioning as usual, celebrations will be confined to the Sports Hall and AstroTurf. There will be a free buffet exclusively for Year 11 students served at 12. Staff will join students in the hall to say goodbye. Students will then be escorted off the site at 1:30pm. After this time, students are not expected to attend school. We will see the vast majority of them again at the prom ...

### **Year 11 Prom, Castle Park - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Mrs Whiteley and I visited the prom venue last week. We are looking forward to celebrating school life and saying goodbye to our fabulous Year 11 cohort in style. Whilst I know our students are excited too, it is important to emphasize the Prom is categorized as an educational visit. This means that our staff have full responsibility for the students whilst they are in our care. Whilst the staff are looking forward to the event, they are still at work and will be working an extremely long day. As part of our risk assessment, I just wanted to remind students, parents and carers that any form of alcohol, vape or tobacco are strictly prohibited. Any students in possession of any of the aforementioned items or under the influence before they arrive will be asked to leave the venue immediately. Parents will be contacted and expected to collect.

Students can start to arrive at the venue from 6:30 onwards. Photographs can be taken outside with family members, but only Year 11 will be permitted inside the venue. Welcome drinks will be served at 7pm followed by a two course sit down meal at 7:30pm. Once everyone has eaten there will be an awards ceremony followed by a disco. **Students must be collected by 11pm.**

The venue is self-contained and for our exclusive use on the evening. Other than money to purchase soft drinks, students will need little else. Whilst we appreciate many students will be undoubtedly leaving the prom to attend after-parties, whilst they are at Castle Park, that we obviously take their care and supervision very seriously. As such, please complete the reply slip below so we are aware of contact details on the evening and how your child is getting home.

## GCSE Results Day

GCSE results day is on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August. Results will be available for students to collect from school between 8 and 10 am; they should enter through main reception to collect in the canteen. Parents are more than welcome to join should you wish. If you are on a family holiday and unable to collect results, if a request is sent directly to me (preferably before we break up), results can be emailed after 10am. Any results not collected by 10am will be posted on Thursday afternoon.

Finally, this will be the last letter I write to you. As such, I'd like to take the opportunity to say thank you for all your support over the last 18 months. Whilst there have been unforeseen challenges throughout the pandemic, your unwavering support and willingness to work with us has been much appreciated. It has been a genuine honour and a privilege to work with your children.

Kind regards



Claire Robbins  
Headteacher

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Contact Number on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand I will be contacted immediately and must collect my child, if they either arrive under the influence of alcohol, or are seen smoking, vaping or drinking alcohol at the prom.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure from the Prom. Please tick one:

- My child should wait at the venue until collected from the Prom
- My child can leave the Prom independently