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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11 Update

On Friday 28th May, we were delighted to spend time together, ending with our Leavers' Assembly, and the Year 11 students reminiscing on their journey through five years at Burscough Priory Academy. Their behaviour and attitude throughout the assessment period last half term was excellent and they have responded brilliantly to the range of challenges they have faced over the course of their GCSE course.

Contact with Year 11

We know that many of our students will have been making good use of the past week to complete some of the bridging activities shared by local colleges to help them prepare for their next step. Other students may well still require some additional help, support and guidance. As your son or daughter very much remains a part of the BPA family, we will be contacting them over the coming weeks and we may discuss:

- Wellbeing
- Post 16 options - careers information, advice and guidance
- Bridging activities
- Other support we can provide

A member of staff will be in touch to ensure that your son or daughter knows we are still here to help and support them and an initial discussion will determine how much contact is required over the coming weeks.

Post 16 Bridging Activities

There are a range of excellent bridging activities that have been created by local colleges which have previously been shared with your son/daughter to enable a smooth transition from school to college. A copy of these activities can be found in the attachment(s) that accompanies this letter. There is also the chance to enrol with the National Citizen Service for those who are still interested and more details can be found on their website <https://wearencs.com/>

Valedictory Dinner

As you may be aware, on Monday the Government announced a change to the road map out of the restrictions in the UK. This has had a significant impact on a number of events we had planned for the weeks





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leading up to the end of term, including our Year 11 Valedictory Dinner. If we consider the indoor rule of six, outdoor events limited to thirty and a ban on dancing and singing, these rules would have hampered and had an impact on the spirit of the evening.

So, we have explored a number of alternative solutions both across our Trust, as an Academy and with our venue, we have had to make the regrettable decision to postpone the Valedictory Dinner on Thursday 1 July. We understand the disappointment this may cause; however, we have secured The Bliss Hotel for **Thursday 16 September 2021** and would like to invite you to our Valedictory Dinner on this revised date. All of the arrangements are the same - coaches are booked, a sit-down dinner and then a disco. Please confirm your attendance on the revised date using this link [Valedictory Confirmation](#) with a deadline for completion of Tuesday 22 June at 5.00pm. Following the closure of the form, we will review the information and send you a message late next week to confirm the event.

We very much hope you will all be able to join us on this change of date and we look forward to hearing all about your summer and start to post 16 education; along with seeing you dressed in your finery.

GCSE Results Day

A reminder that GCSE results day is slightly earlier than usual this year, on Thursday 12 August. As we develop a full understanding of the national picture in the coming weeks, we will confirm the details and arrangements for results day.

In the meantime, if we can help your son/daughter in any way or you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org

Yours faithfully,

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