



7th May 2021

Year 11 Leaving Arrangements

Dear Parents,

We have been delighted with the way our Year 11 students continue to conduct themselves and in the manner in which they have approached their in class assessments. We recognise that this assessment period is a difficult time for Year 11, as it is a process they and the school are going through for the first time. Their committed and sensible approach has demonstrated what studious and resilient young people they have matured into and has allowed them to access the full breadth and depth of the curriculum provided, in spite of the pandemic. We would also like to thank you as parents. Your support, advocacy and care has kept them balanced and no doubt got them through some difficult times. With the national GCSE results day scheduled for Thursday 12th August, we will update you with more detailed plans for the collection of results in the near future.

It is important that the focus of our Year 11's remain on the learning until the very last day. During the next three weeks teachers will not only be continuing with the formal assessments as detailed on the timetable but will also be continuing with gathering the final pieces of evidence that will be used for the Teacher Assessed Grades (TAG).

In accordance with the requirements from Ofqual and the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) we will keep both our students and you, the parents, informed of the processes for how we as a school are generating our TAGs, when the results are published and details of any appeals procedures in place. We will be speaking to our students via assemblies and all the information for parents will be published on the school website.

<https://www.tarletonacademy.org/parents/examinations-information/gcse-grades-summer-2021>

For Year 11, we are currently working towards their last day at school being on Friday 28th May. We will celebrate their achievements during their 5 year journey with us and have an opportunity to say goodbye, signing shirts and leavers books, before a final memorable leavers' assembly which will conclude at approximately 12noon. Students will need to bring an extra shirt and pen for signing. Any student who wishes to order a lunch will be able to do. It is vital that all Year 11 students are in school every day until Friday 28th May, in the event that we need to collect further evidence for their GCSE qualifications outside of the published assessments.

We are currently contacting all the post 16 providers to ensure that we will be able to let your son/daughter know of any activities they have arranged to enable a smooth transition from school to college.

Students have already purchased their tickets to our Year 11 valedictory dinner, otherwise known as PROM, on Thursday 8th July which takes place at The Bliss Hotel, Southport and we look forward to

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this much celebrated rite of passage but I would like to ask you to ensure that they compete a LFT test on the afternoon of the event, to support the safety of all.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish our Year 11 students the very best of luck with their remaining assessments and their future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V Hill', written in a cursive style.

Mrs V Hill
Headteacher