

# Wellfield High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

## Year 11 Leaving Arrangements

We have been delighted with the way our Year 11 have continued to conduct themselves since their return to school in March, particularly when considering their approach to the assessments this half term. We recognise that the current assessment period is creating additional challenges for your son/daughter and we will work hard to continue to support all students, both from an academic and a pastoral perspective. At this point, a little under three weeks of assessments remain. For those students who are working hard; stay motivated and keep up the good work, the end is coming. There are still several opportunities students can demonstrate their skills, knowledge and understanding. Please stress to your son or daughter that it really is worth putting in the extra work to thoroughly prepare in order that they can collect their results in August knowing that they have no regrets.

We know that students and parents have been patiently waiting for clarification and details of the students' final days at Wellfield. Whilst this letter hopefully provides the requested clarity, it goes without saying that details are subject to change as we continue to face uncertain times during the pandemic.

### Last Week of this Term

We know the students will continue to meet our expectations right up to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May when they will leave the school gates for the final time in a Wellfield uniform. Despite limited assessments taking place in the final week, we expect high levels of attendance and excellent attitudes throughout the week within the range of lessons and activities planned. Whilst we know the students will be fantastic, we do not want any students to let themselves down and withdrawal of the prom place will remain a possibility should it be needed.

- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May:** PSHCE Day including mock interviews
- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May:** Curriculum enrichment activities and activity afternoon
- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May:** Leavers' assembly and officially the last day in school as a year group (12 noon finish)

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May will be a celebration of their achievements during the 5 year journey with us at Wellfield and students will have an opportunity to say goodbye, sign shirts and 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 still be able to do. It is vital that all year 11 students are in school every day until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

### Post 16 Bridging Activities

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. This may involve some opportunities for students to engage with activities throughout the week after half term (Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June).

## Teacher Assessed Grades

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.whs.lancs.sch.uk/student-area/examination-information-revision/gcse-grades-summer-2021>

## Valedictory Dinner

Details of the Valedictory dinner have already been shared and we are hoping to enjoy the evening together with your son/daughter. Please be aware that the evening will only take place if the national covid guidelines allow. If the government make changes to the rules on large gatherings, then the prom will be cancelled. Although we will be ensuring a return of payment if cancelled, it may be sensible to wait until nearer the time when purchasing expensive clothes for the evening.

## GCSE Results Day

For your information, GCSE results day is slightly earlier than usual this year, on Thursday 12 August. Last year had a different feel because of some of the limitations posed by Covid-19, each student had an appointment to receive their results followed by a guidance interview with a school leader. Nonetheless, it was a fantastic day and we were able to recognise the achievements of the students and in many more cases, with their parents too! As we near the end of term and with a full understanding of the national picture, we will confirm the details and arrangements for results day.

In the meantime, we are encouraging parents to send in any photographs to us ([enquiries@whs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@whs.lancs.sch.uk)) that we may look to use to bring a few smiles to our faces during the leavers' assembly! May I also take this opportunity to thank all of you for your ongoing support of Wellfield over the past 5 years as we look forward to a busy, but hopefully really enjoyable, end to year 11.

Yours sincerely,

*Mr J Lewis*

Head of School