

6 May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Year 11 Leavers Summer 2021**

I am pleased to be writing to you to confirm the arrangements for the end of the school year for our Year 11 students. The wonderful young people that form our Year 11 leavers group are a credit to you and themselves, and the determination that they continue to show as they focus on securing their Teacher Assessed Grades has been humbling. Despite the challenges and uncertainties of the past year, they are demonstrating real maturity and resilience. Whilst they should take much credit for this positive and constructive approach, I am in no doubt that the support they have received from their families has been invaluable. Thank you for this support and encouragement throughout your child's time at Outwood Academy Bishopsgarth. I am sure you will also want to join me in thanking the brilliant staff team at Outwood Bishopsgarth who have, over the past five years, done so much for each of our Year 11 leavers. It is by working together that our young people achieve so much.

Students in Year 11 will finish their studies in the academy on Friday 28 May 2021. From this date onwards a programme of online learning and activities will be available to prepare students for their next steps at college, sixth form, or chosen apprenticeship. Further details of this online programme will be shared shortly, and it will include academic mentoring, careers information and tutor support. An invitation may be extended to a small number of individual students to attend some activities in the academy during the week beginning Monday 7 June 2021. This will be in exceptional circumstances and we will make contact with you directly if appropriate for your child.

Whilst we are disappointed not to be able to hold a Prom this year due to the uncertainty around ongoing restrictions, we will make our Year 11 leavers' last day at Outwood Academy Bishopsgarth a celebration of their hard work, great memories and friendships. During the morning of Friday 28 May, we will host a leavers' assembly and brunch, which will include an opportunity for shirt signing and group photographs. We will bid our Year 11 students a fond farewell when they leave us at 11.00am on that day.

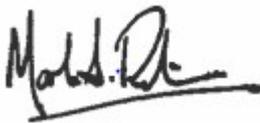
Leavers' hoodies, which for many students are a wonderful memento of their time at secondary school, are available for purchase online (<https://tinyurl.com/yvk8hps6>). Please note the order deadline of Sunday 23 May so that hoodies can be delivered and available to

collect from school during June 2021. We are looking forward to seeing students wearing them when they collect their results on Thursday 12 August 2021! In the meantime, I ask for your continued support in ensuring that students continue to attend school each day in full uniform and so uphold the very high standards that they apply to their conduct and work ethic.

I will write to you again to confirm arrangements for the collection of GCSE and vocational qualification results, which will take place during the morning of Thursday 12 August 2021.

Thank you again for supporting Outwood Academy Bishopsgarth, it is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about any of the arrangements for the end of term for Year 11, please do not hesitate to contact us via the telephone number or email address above.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Robinson', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mark Robinson  
Head of School