

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Following the completion of the Year 11 assessments this week, I am writing to inform you that Year 11 will finish their formal studies at St Thomas More on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

Year 11 have conducted themselves excellently over the last 3 weeks, demonstrating their continued determination and resilience. Year 11 will remain in school for the next two weeks in order to complete outstanding coursework and assignments, all of which will play a vital part of their final GCSE grades. As always, we want our pupils to achieve the very best that they can and expect pupils to continue working hard until the 28<sup>th</sup> May, closing gaps in their learning and evidencing their best work.

Before the Easter holidays, Year 11 were invited to complete a survey about what support they required as part of their transition to college, employment, or further training. Based on this survey, we will be providing some step-up to A-level lessons in a variety of subjects, along with some Maths and English catch-up for those who are going on to Level 1 or 2 qualifications. Further information about these voluntary lessons will be sent out before the half term holiday. To complement this provision, some students have elected to support the transition programme with Year 6, run charity or environmental projects or assist in the planning and preparation for a Year 11 celebration in July.

We aim to bring Year 11 together for a celebration at some point in July. Unfortunately, a formal prom will not be taking place this year for a variety of reasons and we are unable to make financial commitments due to the pandemic. Insurance companies will not pay out if the event is cancelled as a result of an outbreak. I am also very aware that many families are struggling as a result of the pandemic and that formal proms can put a financial strain on parents and carers. With this in mind, we will be working with the pupils to arrange some kind of celebration here in school to mark the end of their time at St Thomas More. More information will be sent out about this event in due course.

Thank you for all the work you have done to help your child over the last few months. It has been a particularly tough year for our young people and your love and support has been a great source of comfort and strength to them. I am in awe of how Year 11 have conducted themselves since September, and I wish them the very best of luck with their results this summer.

Yours sincerely,



Mr D Redfern  
Headteacher