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Year 11 – Final week of school

Dear Year 11 student,

We hope that you and your family are well and looking forward to a smashing summer holiday...and, of course, results day!

As mentioned in the most recent bulletin, this week we are looking forward to welcoming all Year 11 students back to school. We are keenly aware that you have missed out on so many 'rites of passage' associated with the end of your statutory schooling. So we intend to ensure that Tuesday to Thursday provides you with an enjoyable end to Year 11.

What are we going to be doing?

We are very excited about seeing you all! We hope you'll be equally excited to have a good old catch up with friends and staff this **Tuesday (21st July)**.

We've planned some enjoyable activities including: a socially distant bring-your-own picnic (weather permitting); shirt signing (spare shirts need to be brought in and we will supply pens); photo opportunities; a quiz on the changes the school has seen during your 5 years, and so on. Staff will



also be available to give support and guidance should you need it. Throughout the day we'll ensure you'll have plenty of time to chinwag in friendship groups.

On **Wednesday and Thursday**, in addition to further chinwagging, you'll have some more subject 'taster sessions' (including in new courses such as sports coaching, marine biology, criminology, drama and Health & Social Care). Where applicable, this will provide an opportunity to meet some of your new teachers and help you prepare for the next stage of your educational career.



Who can come?

These sessions are for anyone, whether you've already chosen your Sixth Form subjects, are still undecided about your subject selection (which is fine!), or even if you're off to college or employment and just want to enjoy spending more time with friends. For those of you who are returning in September, there will be opportunities to chat with specialist teachers to help you get fully prepared over the summer.

What should I bring?

The canteen is closed so you'll need to **bring your own picnic lunch and plenty of drink for the whole day**. Why not get creative? Have a look here for some cracking picnic ideas: <https://www.countryliving.com/food-drinks/g783/picnic-recipes-0609/?slide=3>



Don't forget your spare shirt for signing and nostalgic memories from the past five years as you reminisce.

How do we keep safe?

Unfortunately, the risks of COVID-19 are still upon us and so we would like to make you aware of a few safety precautions.

The school has undertaken a comprehensive risk assessment which includes social distancing, a rigorous cleaning regime, and careful management of hand washing and hygiene. To ensure that social distancing is observed there will be a limit on class sizes, but we've tried to keep you in friendship groups (transfer requests are permitted!) The picnic will be outdoors where there is plenty of room for everyone. Corridors and areas around school are signposted and marked to facilitate social distancing. **You don't need to wear uniform or personal protective equipment**, but you're free to do so if you like ;)

For further measures we've taken to keep you safe, please see the most recent bulletin on the school website.

Is school transport running?

In a word, yes! However, you need to let us know if you are coming by phoning the school on Monday on 01686 412289. You will be emailed with your room on Monday afternoon.

See you Tuesday

We really look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Tuesday!

Take care and see you soon,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Daniel Owen', written in a cursive style.

Daniel Owen (Headteacher)