

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Key Information and Dates:

Like me, I am sure many parents and staff are surprised at how quickly the years have gone and that the students are coming to the end of Year 11. With the last few weeks remaining, I thought I would take the opportunity to explain the final administration tasks that students need to complete prior to leaving and moving to Sixth Form or College.

Please remember that Year 11 do not officially leave the school until they have completed their GCSE exams and have completed all necessary assessments for their subjects. The last date we would expect to see Year 11 in school for lessons is **Friday 26th May**. After this date, students will only be expected on site if they are sitting exams or have a pre-arranged revision session with a teacher where they would need to sign in/out at the Front Office for Health and Safety reasons. Normal school uniform needs to be worn for examinations or when attending revision sessions.

If your child is returning to Sturminster Newton High School to attend the Sixth Form and complete post-16 courses, they will be receiving a letter inviting them to the Sixth Form Induction Day and a trip to Bath Spa University later in the term.

Year 11 Leavers' Assembly:

Year 11 will have their Leavers' Assembly on **Friday 26th May at 1.15pm**. Students will be able to get their lunch, bring it to the sixth form hall and join in an assembly to congratulate them on having completed five years of secondary school. Their tutors and Head of Year will be there to help them to remember the good times and celebrate all the personalities we have in the year group. The students will also have an opportunity for signing each other's shirts. As most students are in their summer uniform, they can bring in a white school shirt (part of their winter uniform) to be signed. If they are still wearing the white shirt/tie, then they need to bring in a spare white shirt that can be signed. Shirt signing will not be allowed at any other time of day and will only take place in the Sixth Form Hall during this assembly time.

Year 11 Leavers' Ball:

The Year 11 Leavers' Ball will be taking place on **21st June from 18:00** at Leigh Village Hall. We hope this will be a wonderful evening full of happy memories and laughter. The students have requested that it be a formal event where they can get dressed up and make it a special occasion. At 6.40pm, the students will be served food and then they can dance the night away in the hall. Drinks are available to purchase on the night from the 'soft' bar. Students will also be able to have formal photographs taken when they arrive as well as plenty of photo opportunities throughout the evening. Students will need to be collected from Leigh Village Hall before 10:30pm so staff have a chance to tidy up before the venue closes. Please remember this is a school event for under-18s so the normal school rules apply.

Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies:

These will be distributed to those students who have ordered one during the Leavers' Assembly on Friday 26th May.

Book Returns and Lockers:

Students will need to ensure that they return any school textbooks that have been borrowed from departments as well as returning their locker keys. Locker keys are to be returned to the

school office, where deposits will be returned, if applicable. Please refer to the Leavers Form, which will be issued before half term, listing outstanding items to be returned. **Lockers must be emptied before returning your key.**

Yours sincerely

Mr Enticknap (Head of Year)