

6 May 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

## **End of Term Arrangements**

As we draw near to the end of the course for our Year 11 and 13 students, I wanted to write to you with an update about our arrangements for the remaining weeks of this term. As I am sure you can imagine, it has been a very difficult time in terms of planning dates and events but we are as confident as we can be that we can now go ahead with our plans to celebrate Year 11 and 13 as they come to the end of the year, and for some the end of their time with us.

## **Teacher Assessed Papers**

These have begun in earnest after our return from Easter and students have responded brilliantly to them. Their attitude to their revision and their focus both in class and their exams has been exactly what we would expect from students sitting their real GCSEs so this has completely vindicated our decision to assess students this way. Please remember to check the exam timetable that was sent to you before Easter and ensure your child is preparing as best they can for each assessment. As mentioned before, staff are unable to share grades with students or parents as this would be classed as malpractice and may place a student's final grade at risk, so please remember to respect this in order to protect both your child and our staff.

## **Leavers' arrangements**

The final day for Year 11 and 13 students is set for **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**. This will be a half day and students will finish at the end of period 3 (approximately 12.30pm). If your child usually gets school transport and needs it for this early finish, please email Mrs Hawkins at [mhawkins@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:mhawkins@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk) to reserve a space. Students will be involved in their specialisms for the first part of the morning before finishing with a leavers' assembly and tutor time to allow them to say goodbye to their peers.

Please be aware that any students who have not completed coursework or internal assignments will be required to come back into school after half term to complete this and will not be allowed to officially leave school until this is done to the required standard. In addition, all students will be provided with learning materials and careers support until June 18<sup>th</sup> as this is a requirement from the government. This will all be accessible online via Teams and students will be able to complete this in their own time. For those students who are staying for A Levels, there will be important transition projects to complete in order to prepare them for the step up to their A Level subjects.

In addition, Year 11 Stage students involved in our summer showcase (*A New World*) will still be expected in school for showcase rehearsals. These are likely to remain on a Tuesday from 4pm to 6pm and on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during the school day and, on occasion, our usual after school slot. It has been arranged that Year 11 students who are in for rehearsals can also take part in LS6 training sessions to ensure they are utilised. The training sessions are not compulsory.

Year 13 Stage students involved will still be expected in school for their usual rehearsal times and will continue to be provided with a weekly/half termly rehearsal schedule clearly directing them as to when they are required. Please contact Mr Lake or Miss Aplin for more information regarding this.



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## **Prom**

I am delighted to say that we have been able to agree plans to hold a Year 11 and 13 prom once Covid restrictions are fully lifted. This is an essential part of the LeAF Studio experience and thanks to the very generous donation of a parent, we have been given a fantastic marquee to hire and will be holding our prom on the school site. **The planned date for the prom is Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July.** Obviously, this is all dependent on Covid restrictions being fully lifted as planned on 21<sup>st</sup> June, and so we reserve the right to change the date if needed. Further information, including cost of tickets, will be shared with parents by Mrs Watt next week.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to say a massive thank you for all of your ongoing support as parents. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful group of parents and your emails and words of encouragement over the last year have been much appreciated. It has been a year like no other but we are very proud of the resilience and commitment our students have shown and are determined to ensure they leave us with the best possible grades and life skills as they move on to the next step in their careers.

Yours sincerely,



Mr T Clark  
Vice Principal

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