

21st May 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Re: Year 11 Leavers

I just wanted to write a quick letter to you to ask for your support as we prepare to bid farewell to our Year 11 students.

I'm sure that, like it is for us, this is an emotional time for you and your family. Seeing Year 11 attend for the last days of their compulsory education usually is and is perhaps especially poignant this year.

Whilst next Tuesday represents their last formal day of attendance at school, we're working hard to put together a great package of transition work and opportunities between now and the end of June, and both in school and externally, to help our students make a smooth transition to whatever they plan to do next. Further details of this, which we're calling our 'Step Up Programme', will follow early next week and some students have already started opting for sessions in tutor time.

We're hoping to be able to give them a really great send-off on Tuesday morning where we can all enjoy fond memories and lots of smiles and laughter among the inevitable tears of saying goodbye. With this in mind, please can I ask you to have a conversation at home to underline the importance of continuing to behave well, remain respectful and work with us in school. Staff are certainly working their hardest to make the last few days a positive experience. We would hate to have to sanction students during what should be a happy time, or prevent them from attending end of school events, lessons, the Prom or even assessments; all sanctions we have at our disposal.

I'm sure that with your support these will not be necessary and that we can all celebrate our Year 11 students end to their time at JOG positively and appropriately.

Thank you in anticipation for your support and please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



Mr R Hawthorne
Head of School