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Dear Year 11, Parents and Carers

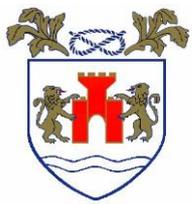
It would be at this point of year that you would have been sitting your final exams, the excitement of the final day would be ramping up with mixed emotions being shown across the whole cohort. The traditional shirt signing day, walking through the grand doors of our wonderful main hall for the last time as students of Wolstanton High School, watching the clips of your photo journey from Year 7-11, hearing gasps and outburst of laughter at how baby faced you all were, and a special goodbye message from the staff whilst delivering my goodbye speech to you all; seeing you turn away and walking out of the doors in to your future- special moments that stay with you forever!

Unfortunately- not this year! Our journey was suddenly and frustratingly halted, leaving most of us angry that the hard work and preparation that we had put in over the last few years, to get you all the amazing results, had gone to waste. No exams mean I am not frantically pacing across the school every day, checking on how the exams have gone and trying to support the different emotions of each of you from how the exam went- trying not to over celebrate with the ones who thought it went amazing and trying to support those who were frustrated with that particular exam. Yet, even though these exams gave many of you the purpose that everyone desires, your purpose now moves to your next steps- whether this be A-Levels, BTEC or an apprenticeship. Everything you have learned is not wasted, you've gained an understanding of the world, developed skills and most importantly, you have learned the true value of hard work and study that will see you succeed in your future studies, in the same way it should have done here. Go and apply everything you have learned to do amazing things in your future- show everyone the potential I know that you all have and be the best that you can be!

For those that were able to order the leavers hoodies in early April, these are now in school and ready to collect from between 10am-2.30pm from main reception. I am also delighted to announce that we are still hoping to hold the prom for the Class of 2020 on the **9<sup>th</sup> October 2020**, 6pm-11pm. This will still only be eligible for those students who met expected standards before lockdown, which included attendance and behaviour targets. Therefore, payment option will only open for students who were invited to prom before lockdown. This is still a provisional date and we will still be receiving guidance from the Moathouse Hotel on their social distancing regulations when they reopen, and where necessary information will be shared with all of you. Therefore, payment option for the prom will go live again on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and payment needs to be made through ParentPay at a cost of £30 for the ticket and meal. Please can all payments be made by the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020. Additionally, we will be hosting the annual certificate celebration evening, which will also be combined with the leavers assembly, on the **19<sup>th</sup> November 2020** which will see us celebrate the success of the GCSE results awarded and celebrate personal achievements of pupils within the year group. I would hope to see as many of you there as possible.

All local colleges are now starting to send out pre-course information for the students to be working on in preparation for a September start. Many colleges are also running virtual tours and introductions online which can be found on their website and they advise Year 11's to follow their Facebook and Twitter accounts to keep up to date with any events that they are hosting. For any queries around not receiving work, or to discuss possible change of options, it has been advised that you use the college enquiry forms on their website or contact the admissions team at the college. I am in regular contact with the colleges, and any important information that I receive will be sent directly to the students' school emails, so it is important that they continue to log on and check these. Due to the current restrictions, I have extended the Year 11 students emails to stay live until 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020. If you are still having doubts about course choices, or still need guidance then you can contact our school careers advisor from Entrust, Janet Kemp, through her email: [janet.kemp@entrust-ed.co.uk](mailto:janet.kemp@entrust-ed.co.uk)





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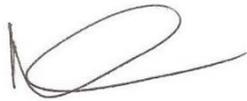
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Many of you have asked either myself or your child's tutor about the possibility of resitting exams in the autumn of this year. This is still under consultation with the government and they are still discussing what subjects would be allowed resits and how the resits would take shape. The only confirmed exams that will see students resit are for those who do not achieve a Grade 4 in English and Maths. Again, this information will be shared once there has been a final decision made by the government.

Finally, week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> June will be the final safe and well checks for the current Y11's as would be the norm around the official school leaving date which is the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020. We do still want to hear from you about the success of your child on the next stage of their journey and hope to celebrate with you all later in the year as discussed earlier in this letter. From Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020, if you have any concerns then please contact myself directly via my school email as form tutors will be looking to support the new Year 7's to complete their transition in readiness for September 2020.

I'd like to thank you all one last time for being an amazing group of young people to have worked with and wish you all the very best of luck in your immediate futures.

Yours sincerely,



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