



Dear Parents / Carers,

I cannot believe that we are already in the final few weeks of schooling for our Year 11 learners. They have been brilliant during the examination season. The staff at school are genuinely sad to see them moving on, many of us have enjoyed excellent working relationships with them. As a cohort they have been more adversely impacted by the COVID lockdowns than any other year group. Through grit and determination, they are now expected to see the best results the school has had in over a decade! Below I have included a few final points that will help you support us in navigating the final events in our Year 11 calendar.



Final Exams

We are not finished yet. As our Year 11 grow tired, we often see very small numbers arriving late or wanting to leave exam early. Leaving an exam before the allowed time can result in a paper being cancelled and a U grade being awarded. We have made every effort to ensure that everyone is supported during the stressful exam season. Please keep us posted if you need support with your child over the coming days. We also see a spike in learners asking to go home after exams. This is unmanageable in school, please support us by insisting that your children attend school for the full day.



Wednesday 11th June

This will be the final day of formal schooling for Year 11 although they officially remain on our roll until Friday 27th June. From Thursday 12th June we will expect Year 11 in school for planned booster sessions and examinations only. They should still attend school in full uniform for revision sessions and exams.

The day will start with the Maths exam. We will then extend break, plan in form time and finish the morning with our leaver's assembly. The celebrations will be over by around 12.15pm and we will then release them, from school.

The expectations for that day are clear for everyone:

1. Attend lessons / exams as normal and engage with the revision in these lessons.
2. Bring a **spare shirt** for signing (not the one you are wearing).
3. Do not wander the corridors looking for staff and students to sign books / shirts during lesson time.

These basic expectations enable us to ensure the final day is enjoyable for all and that learning in Years 7-10 is not disrupted. I do not wish to send anyone home before the leaver's assembly, but having been so clear with students I will have no hesitation in doing so if the smooth running of the school site is compromised. I am hopeful, given the brilliant conduct of the year group so far, and a long-established history of wonderful leaving days that this will not be necessary.

Prom

This is a real highlight of the school calendar for us. The event has always passed smoothly with staff and students celebrating their time together at WHS. We have many staff who want to come along and supervise it. There has never been an issue in my time here and I don't anticipate any different this year, however where behaviour is poor or students arrive under the influence of alcohol or other substances, they will be refused entry. This is, in effect still a children's party and



will be treated as such to ensure that everyone is able to enjoy the evening planned. Last year the staff at the stadium commented that our school was the best for conduct that they had seen, and the atmosphere was better because of that. I am looking for the same again.

Examination Results

Thursday 21st August is GCSE Results Day when examination results can be collected from school from **10am**. In the event of a student not being able to collect their results in person please give a letter of authorisation to a family member or friend to collect. Due to building works in the majority of the school this summer, results will be collected from the school library. Please see model version of this below. Arrangements to have examination results posted out **should be made in advance**. If you have any queries regarding results, please email our Examinations Officer, Mr. Barton on sbarton@westhoughton-high.org

EXAM RESULT COLLECTION

I, (student name), authorise(name of person collecting results) of address of person collecting results) to collect my Examination Results on my behalf.

Student Signature:Date

Authorised Person Signature:Date

Uniform

If you have any uniform that your child has outgrown or no longer needs, we would greatly appreciate any donations, items can be donated at the main school office after your child's final exam. These contributions help support other families and maintain our school community's spirit of generosity and care.

And Finally....

As I stated earlier, we are genuinely sorry to see this cohort of students go! For some of you it will also mark the end of your formal association with our school. I want to thank parents/carers for supporting us over the last five years. Along with your children, you have also had a bumpy ride! Not only have you supported us through the exam season, but you also had a period lower down the school where you took charge of teaching too! We cannot do what we do without the backing of our parents. In closing I would like to thank you for your unwavering support and wish your children the best in all that they go on to achieve.

With very best wishes,

Mr N S Coe
Headteacher