

25th May 2021

**Dear Parents and Carers of the Class of 2021,**

Please find below some key information relating to arrangements over the next few weeks.

**Study Leave**

Year 11 will finish on-site lessons this Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May. From Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May they will be not be required to attend school unless they are needed for any additional evidence for the TAGs, in which case they will be contacted individually.

Tameside College and Ashton Sixth Form College will be in touch with students soon to enable them to access transition work, as will other post-16 providers. Our careers advisor, Miss Amdurer (v.amdurer@hydehighschool.uk), will be available throughout the summer term for help and advice in relation to post-16 pathways.

**Thursday**

Thursday will be a normal working day and Year 11 will be expected to comply with all the usual rules and regulations. Any Year 11 pupil who has purchased a Leaver's Hoodie may wear this on Thursday on top of their normal uniform if they wish to do so.

Year 11 will have a short assembly at the end of the day, and at this point it is tradition to sign each other's shirts, again – only if they wish to do so.

School will finish at the normal time and then there will be a Staff vs Year 11 football match which Year 11s are welcome to watch.

**Leavers' Assembly**

We would like to invite all Year 11 pupils who are still attending school full time to our traditional Leavers' Assembly at 10:00am on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. This is an enjoyable, if sometimes tearful, event when we share memories of the last 5 years and say goodbye to our Class of 2021. If any Year 11 pupils have photos from school trips or events that they would like to share (and will not upset or offend anyone), please do send them to us via [admin@hydehighschool.uk](mailto:admin@hydehighschool.uk) by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

**Results Day**

Grades will be issued on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August. At the moment, we are expecting to be able to invite pupils into school to collect grades in person between 10:00am and 12:00pm on that day, but this obviously depends on any changes to Covid restrictions. Any pupil who will not be available on the day must notify us in writing (email is fine) in advance so that we can release grades later in the day via email or give them to a nominated person. We will write to parents and to pupils via their school email account in July with more information about arrangements for this day.

**TAGs**

I would like to congratulate Year 11 on all the hard work that they have put into the last few weeks – hopefully these assessments will have given many the opportunity to make a positive difference to their final grades. I should also take this opportunity to thank all the Year 11 teachers – on top of their normal workload, they have been marking and moderating for hours and hours in their own time to ensure that Year 11 pupils have had the chance to prove themselves. Now that assessments are almost complete, they have the mammoth task of reviewing all the evidence and ensuring that grades reflect it accurately before

several layers of further checking come into play. A huge undertaking, but willingly and professionally carried out to ensure that fair grades are issued in August. The evidence base being used in each subject is available on the [TAGs section of our website](#) as is other useful information relating to TAGs.

**And finally ...**

It just remains for me to thank you for your support for your child and for our school over the last 5 years, and especially over the last 18 months in the most unexpected circumstances. Home learning? Who knew that would be a thing?

Your children are a joy to work with and we have enjoyed the privilege of watching them grow into the decent young adults that they are becoming.

We wish the Class of 2021 every success as they move on to pastures new; they will always be part of our Hyde family.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ARadcliffe .". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Andrea Radcliffe  
Headteacher