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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Key dates for Year 11 students**

I wanted to update you on key dates for Year 11 students between now and when they leave, including induction in our Sixth Form.

### **Records of Achievement Ceremony Thursday 18 June**

This milestone event will take place in the afternoon of Thursday 18 June. We look forward to welcoming you and close family members/ friends to this celebration. Students will have been part of the audience in Years 9 and 10 and now they will take their turn in the spotlight. I know some are already talking about it; it might be interesting to ask them about it. More details will follow soon.

### **Friday 19 June**

Students will not attend school on this day unless there are individual small final tasks to complete or to sign off for the exam boards. We will be in contact beforehand if this is the case.

### **Monday 22- Friday 26 June**

We will be running a full programme every day to support and prepare students for post-16 transition, whether they will be joining our Sixth Form or moving to a different setting. Ms Crossland is working on making this an exciting and relevant programme and will circulate details nearer the time.

### **Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 June**

The last Friday in June is the official leaving date in England for students turning 16 by the end of the summer holidays. On Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 June we will also be running an induction programme for students transferring into our Sixth Form in September. If your child is not joining our Sixth Form but you feel this programme might still be helpful, please contact Ms Crossland to discuss.

### **Wednesday 1 July Celebration event for all Year 11 and 12 students (after school)**

No Year 11 (or 12) students will be in school during the day, but there will be a celebration event taking place after school. Provisional start time is 4.30 (more details to follow).

### **A note on exams, accreditation and moderation**

As you know, unlike most special schools, we have a wide accreditation offer that runs from Entry Level Certificates and Functional Skills, through to GCSEs and Level 1 /2 BTEC. As very few of the qualifications we offer are 'exam only', most require coursework to be completed, moderated, internally verified and then externally moderated by the exam board. This is a very time-consuming process, but worth it because it means our students' learning is recognised by external accreditation and post-16 providers. Subject teachers, departmental leads and Internal Verifiers will be fully occupied both before and after Year 11 students leave in order to achieve this. We will be in touch soon to update you on how and when results will be available.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin McDonnell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'K' and 'M'.

*Kevin McDonnell*  
Headteacher