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Dear Parent/Carer,

At this time of year we would normally be in the midst of the final push towards GCSE exams, but of course the last 18 months have been like no other, and so Mrs. Armstrong and I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the plans for Year 11 over the next few weeks.

Since the announcement in February and our return to school in early March, we have focused on ensuring that all students have been able to demonstrate the level that they are working at, in order for us to submit teacher assessed grades to examination boards. We have been so impressed by the mature attitude and determination shown by Year 11, and fully believe that they will all achieve the grades they deserve this Summer.

However, we are not finished just yet. Subjects continue to assess and collate evidence for every student in order to ensure the correct grades are given.

We are working towards Wednesday 26th May as the final day for Year 11, but at this stage we must issue a caveat: if there are any reasons why a subject or subjects have not been able to collect sufficient evidence for a student by that date, they may be required to attend school beyond that date in order to complete the work. If that is the case, we will inform you immediately. For the majority, the evidence will be completed by the end of next week. This means that from Monday 17th May we hope to be able to provide a programme of activities that ensure the end of Year 11 can be a celebration for our students and with a focus on what the next chapter might look like. There will be a mix of learning activities to support progression routes and Covid-safe extra-curricular activities for students to look forward to.

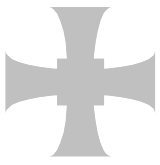
Further details of these events will be given to students in due course and the timings of the day, expectations for behaviour and uniform will remain the same as always. However, as above, from the 17th May there may be some students who are supported by staff to complete any outstanding work in one or more subjects.

As mentioned earlier, the traditional Leavers' Day celebrations will take place on the morning of 26th May. Mrs. Armstrong will send further details closer to the time, but we wanted to give advanced warning that students are allowed to wear smart casual clothing on that day for form and year group photographs. We have been asked by students and parents about whether we will be able to hold a Prom this year. Although infection rates are low and likely to remain so, we are concerned about the financial hardship it could cause some families to buy outfits and perhaps not be able to wear them. We are also mindful that anything could change at short notice with regard to regulations. Instead, we hope to hold a smaller social event in school before the end of term which will allow students to meet, dress up a little and dance, if restrictions permit this. For this event we would not recommend parents spend money on formal prom wear. The provisional date for this is Thursday 1st July.

In addition to the group photographs on the final day, a number of families have requested a final individual one, in their Trinity uniform. For this to go ahead, Tempest Photography have asked that a minimum of 50 students take up the offer, and so in order to make a final decision please can you follow the link below if you would like your child to have their photograph taken. We will then confirm if these will take place, on Thursday 20th May.

[Year 11 Tempest Photographer 20 May](#)

We are delighted that so many of the year group are planning to join Trinity Sixth Form in September. There will be a programme of 'Stepping Up' events taking place in June, which we



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hope all will be able to attend. These will ensure that every student is fully prepared for the next stage and the courses they have chosen. Mr. Winter, our Head of Sixth Form, will provide the details in due course. We would expect that any students planning to join Trinity Sixth Form will attend the sessions.

Finally, a reminder that Year 11 GCSE results day is on Thursday 12th August. May we take this opportunity to thank you once again for all the support you have given to Trinity School over the past 5 years as we have sought to ensure your child can achieve their potential. We look forward to being able to celebrate all of our students' hard work in August and to wish them the very best for the next stage of their education. For those planning to return, sixth form enrolment will follow.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. G. Armstrong

Mr. A. Guest