

20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

### Year 11 Information

As we try to navigate the quickly changing world that we currently live in, we thought it might be wise to update the parents of year 11 on a number of areas that the students and staff have raised.

May we start by thanking you and the children for your patience and understanding and also say how proud we were of the way they conducted themselves yesterday in a turbulent and emotional end for them. They were a credit to you and the school.

Below is an update on some of the queries that were raised.

#### GCSE Examinations

These will not take place this summer. There is no real guidance on how exam boards will award grades and so at this stage we only have what was said in the Prime Ministers announcement; 'no child will be disadvantaged by the cancellation of the exams'. It would be wrong for us to speculate at this time any further and we await guidance from Ofqual. In the meantime our advice is that Year 11 do keep a degree of school work going - we used the phrase in assembly that they should keep their work 'ticking over' by doing a little bit every day.

#### Prom

As we write we are hopeful that the Prom may still take place, but we would urge you to be cautious and not spend any money at this stage until we know more.

#### Yearbook and Leavers Hoodie

Hopefully your child picked up a hoodie order form on Thursday. These are self explanatory and the order form is live on the Prestige website from Monday under the school uniform tab.

<http://www.prestigedesignwww.co.uk/live/>

Your child should also have handed in their yearbook responses, but if they have not they can contact the co-ordinator via his school email. [20hmaclaren@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk](mailto:20hmaclaren@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk)

#### Leavers Assembly and Ex Year 11 Awards Evening

We are planning to run both these events if possible in July and November respectively. This is obviously dependent on the circumstances that we find ourselves in, but we do believe it would be a real shame if we were not able to get together as a community at some point.

Locker Key Deposits and 'other' returns

A number of Year 11s have locker keys and they will need deposits returning. There may be money on the catering system as well that we need to consider. In previous years students have donated text books, PE kit and uniform that can be passed on to younger students who will use them. Your child may well have other items that they wish to return.

We will work on the process for addressing all of the above and communicate these to you once that is established.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your child for your continued support and understanding in these trying times.

Yours sincerely



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