

10 June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Leaving Arrangements June 2024

As the GCSEs draw to a close, I wanted to write to you to outline the leaving arrangements for our Year 11 students.

Firstly, I wanted to thank you for your fantastic, unwavering support during your child's time with us here at Outwood Academy Bishopsgarth. The year group have conducted themselves with unprecedented levels of commitment to their studies, under the most difficult circumstances; we are so proud of them!

Their warm, genuine support of each other, and their willingness to grab hold of every learning opportunity we have offered has been awe-inspiring. The year group have approached all aspects of their work with excellent focus, and I have no doubt that your work at home, coaxing them to revise systematically, alongside encouraging attendance at all the after-school enrichments, has made all the difference.

Thank you so much for making arrangements for your child to attend our numerous Revision Breakfast Sessions, ahead of each morning GCSE examination. These have provided the ideal start to an examination day, and this could not have happened without the fantastic teamwork between students, teachers and parents/ carers alike.

Week Commencing 10th June:

Many students complete their exams during this week. There are two important exams on Friday 14th June. Students have also fed back to us their desire to have some support in writing CV's in readiness to apply for summer jobs. As a result the students will attend modified days on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** of this week.

On Wednesday, all students undertaking the Physics exam on Friday will attend a double science lesson periods 1 and 2. During Period 3 they will be supported in computing rooms to develop their CV and

application letters for prospective employers. Students will then be able to leave the site to go home and study from 12.30pm after lunch. They are welcome to stay and revise in school should they so wish.

On Thursday, all students undertaking Physics again will attend a double science lesson periods 1 and 2. They will also attend a CV development session to complete their work during period 3. Students not studying Geography will be able to leave the site to go home and study from 12.30pm after lunch. Students undertaking the Geography exam on Friday will be expected to stay to complete the Geography masterclass in the afternoon and will leave at the normal time.

Leaving Date - Assembly and Breakfast

All students are expected to attend the academy until **Friday 14th June 2.30pm** and must wear their full uniform during this period. There will be a leavers event, on **Monday 17th June at 9am to 11am**. Students will leave the Academy at approximately 11.00am.

Students should wear their full uniform on that day and bring a spare shirt for signing. Leavers hoodies have already been distributed and students are permitted to wear them in the Academy providing they have full uniform to accompany it.

The leavers event will be carefully planned to allow students time to celebrate their secondary school education. They will have the opportunity to spend time with their teachers and their friends on that day.

Where there are students attending exams after this time they will be contacted with bespoke arrangements ahead of the exams and revision sessions.

Uniform Donations

If you are able to donate any items of school uniform or PE Kit to the school these would be very welcome and can be brought into school on the students' final day. Many families are facing financially challenging times and any uniform items we can give to current, and incoming students, will be very welcome.

Return of Revision Guides

If any students have any revision guides that they no longer need, we would be most grateful if they can be brought into the Academy and left in their tutor rooms for use by students in Year 10 in the run up to their mock exams this summer.

Work Experience in the Academy

Any student wishing to support the school and gain some work experience needs to contact myself to find out more about the opportunities. They can do that via email, in person before they leave or via the Year 11 google classroom.

Lunch Accounts

Students who have exceeded the funds in their lunch accounts need to 'clear' any outstanding lunchtime debts via our ISS's catering team. Please take an opportunity to log into your child's iPay account and check their final balance.

Prom at Hardwick Hall

The Y11 Prom will be held in the Floral Chapel at HardwickHall on Thursday 4th July. Students can arrive at the prom from **6.30pm and will leave from 10.30pm, and no later than 11.00pm.** Students and their families may wish to take photos at the Academy prior to leaving. There will be Academy staff onsite that evening until 6.00pm. Please ensure that transport home is arranged for this time.

Results Day

Results day will be **Thursday 22nd August 2024** and students can collect their statement of results from the New Dining Hall between 9.00am and 11.00am.

Students who are unable to collect their results can nominate a friend or family member to collect them on their behalf. **A signed letter from the student confirming that they give permission must be provided and the nominated person must bring a form of photo identification with them.** The results will not be released without these things in place.

No results will be given out by telephone or email under any circumstances. Any results that haven't been collected by 11.00am will be posted to the student at the home address we have on file.

Parent/Carer Survey

Finally, I would like to ask you to complete a short, on-line survey to share your views on your child's time at Bishopsgarth. Your feedback is used to help us develop and grow as an Academy and provide the support our young people need to develop into well-rounded and resilient adults.

To access the survey please follow this link <https://forms.gle/vqkDZmKJlKFqGHp27> or by scanning the QR code:



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families well and wish your child all the very best for a bright future.

The Year 11 students are a genuine credit to their parents and families, not just for their studious approach and resilience, but for their warmth and friendliness too, it has been a pleasure to be part of their journey from their first day of secondary school, through COVID bubbles and into their leavers celebrations. We will miss them.

Kind regards, as ever, on behalf of all the teachers and staff at Outwood Academy Bishopsgarth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Rhodes', written over a horizontal line.

Mr Jason Rhodes
Head of School