



HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

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Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we near the end of your child's time in compulsory education here at Heanor Gate, we reflect on what has been a very unique and often difficult time for them due to the pandemic. The 'normal' last year in school and the opportunity to show the skills and progress that has been made in terminal exams has been removed and all of the 'rites of passage' to mark the end of eleven years of compulsory education severely disrupted.

We cannot, however, allow our students to finish their last day at Heanor Gate in the same way as every other student and every other Friday afternoon without some sort of celebration.

As always, the health and safety of all staff and students remains paramount and the COVID risk assessment and restrictions must be adhered to. Therefore, within a very complex set of circumstances we wanted to find a solution that would keep everyone safe and still allow the last day to be a memorable one.

We have put together a set of protocols that we hope you can fully support as parents/carers and the Y11 students will adhere to in order for this occasion to go ahead.

Friday 28 May 2021

All Y11 students will take an onsite lateral flow test in the morning during periods 1 & 2 to ensure that all students are negative for COVID-19. Once complete, students will attend lessons as normal up until period 4. At 1.25pm students will report to the dining hall where we will reward them with a free lunch and then senior staff will have the opportunity to address the year group. For COVID-19 safety reasons students will be sat in assembly style rows. Once students have been addressed they will be guided outside into the canopy area where we will allow students to sensibly engage in the tradition of shirt signing. For this to go ahead, and in the interests of everyone's safety, the following protocols must be adhered to:

- Students must wear a mask at all times
- Hand sanitising to occur on exit of the hall
- Students must bring their own pen and not use each other's equipment
- Close contact, hugging and group photos will not be permitted on the school site
- Staff will not be permitted to sign shirts
- Students must be off site by 2.15pm

Whilst the measures above may seem draconian, they are essential for us to remain COVID-19 safe in our attempt to afford the students some level of a normal 'send-off'.

If in the unfortunate event that any student tests positive all close contacts will have to be sent home in line with the government guidance.

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After May Half Term

For those students who are attending our sixth form, we look forward to welcoming students back as part of our ‘Step Up’ initiative on Monday 14 June. Mr Graham will be sending further details in due course. For those students who will not be attending our sixth form, a letter has been sent from Mr Tyler this morning with full details of the provision and support being provided remotely.

We hope that the roadmap will remain as currently planned, and that the prom will be able to go ahead as planned. We will communicate in a timely manner once further correspondence is received from the government.

Yours sincerely

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