



HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL
An Academy Trust

22 March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11

You will, I hope, forgive me for opening with “And now, the end is near”; it seemed particularly apt as we have only 28 school days before the exam season begins in earnest. We kick things off with the first public exam, Art, taking place on May 1st and 2nd, and the last on June 18th, Timbers (or Resistant Materials in old money).

Friday 24th May 2024:

Long, languid days of early mass study leave are proscribed by the DfE, therefore the Year 11 students will officially be released from lessons on May 24th. In the three weeks prior to this there will be a timetable of intervention and exam preparation sessions, Mr Dawson will be in touch with further information around this.

This date will also be the Festival of Leaving. Students who have French exams will come in as normal for those and then retire home to change into their shirts to be signed and final day clothes. Those who do not have French exams must **only** come in from 11am.

All go straight to the Sports Hall where there will be food, speeches and shirt signing galore. Then on to the actual Festival of Leaving on Russell Field. Some of the students will have been involved in planning this; there will be music, inflatables, and other such amusements to mark this Rite of Passage – let’s hope for good weather!

They will be dismissed from the Fishponds Road entrance of the school at 3pm. The usual reminders about being good neighbours and ambassadors of HBS will be applied to them and we would be grateful for further reminders to them at home too.

Monday 24th – Wednesday 26th June:

Those who intend to return here for Sixth Form are expected to attend on these three dates for Induction; they will attend preliminary lessons and be given their bridging work for the Summer.

Friday 28th June:

Founders’ Day celebrations. Year 13 and Year 11 students are invited to attend in their finest uniform - think firmly pressed white shirts and ties and trousers with razor creases! They are to congregate from 10:15am in North Court and will then process through the school, cheered on by the lower school students, to St Mary’s Church for a Service of Thanksgiving. I think it to be a wonderful tradition and I hope you will encourage your child to be there too.

Head Teacher: Mr T E Bennett

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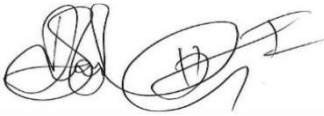


And then the reckoning: the last date for your diaries is **Thursday 22nd August**, when GCSE results will be available for collection from the Sixth Form Centre from 10am.

In the interim, please continue to reach out by email or telephone to me or Mrs Cavill and the pastoral team with any questions or queries you may have about your child.

It remains only for me to thank you and wish you all the best as we begin to navigate the narrow straits of public examinations. Expect to win!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Ajagbonna', written in a cursive style.

Mr D Ajagbonna
Deputy Head: Pastoral