



HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL

An Academy Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers

There are few more humbling and joyous moments than writing to parents of Year 13 students to set out the arrangements for the end of their time at a school; one is compelled to reflect on the journey of each man or woman (that is what they are now or very nearly are), one's journey to adulthood and of course those who have gone before and will come after them. As I say, it is a moment of joy and humility in any school.

All endings hide beginnings, and we begin with the first A Level exam on Tuesday 14th May and the last on Friday 21st June.

Then we turn to traditions and rites of passage, the Leavers' Day is Thursday 9th May when your child is invited to come in dressed as something pertaining to the initial of their first name. Mr Wilson has already bought his costume and I am wracking my brain for appropriate and suitable costumes that begin with D. There will be a celebration assembly led by Mr Wilson, and Ms Christou and Mr Bennett will be in attendance to present awards and commendations. The Head Boy will then take the stage and complete his traditional Leavers' Quiz after which we have every confidence that your children will depart to continue celebrations in the fashion that befits their age and stage.

Founders' Day this year is on Friday 28th June. The students' passing out, Year 13 and 11, are expected to attend, in their finest uniform - think firmly pressed white shirts and ties and trousers with razor creases! They are to assemble from 10:15am in North Court and then process through the school cheered on by the Lower School 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 children to be there too. As a memento of their time at Hitchin Boys', each student will be presented with an enamel badge in the shape of the school shield and crest. We hope this small keepsake will provide them with fond memories of their time at the school.

Then the harvest. Results Day this year is Thursday 15th August. In a nod to modernity we will email results to your child's school email address but there will also be staff on hand in the Sixth Form Centre to celebrate, advise, and guide.

Finally, whether this is your 7th year with us or just your 2nd, thank you for getting them to this point - it will not have been easy - and thank you for your support in guiding them through the narrow straits of public examinations. Here's to a good harvest!

Kind regards

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