



18 May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Update Year 11**

I am writing to explain some more about the suspension of the Year 11 programme of study, which I have previously written to you about. I appreciate that the circumstances of adjusting to living with the impact of COVID-19 has affected many of the things we would wish to do or usually do and coming to the end of compulsory education is a milestone in our lives. Last year our Year 11 children left without a planned ending as the enforced school closure was in place from 20 March 2020 but we hurriedly held a final assembly and many members of staff lined a walkway, clapped and cheered in celebration of their time with us as the children left. This year we are unable to have a final assembly or School Prom and as such there is the potential for our children to have a sense of their time with us not being acknowledged. Along with the Year 11 team, we are not willing to let this happen which is why we have Friday 21 May 2021 as a suspension of the time Year 11 have with us as we invite them back to celebrate their time at TSS on Friday 2 July 2021 at the Leavers' Lunch. The following outlines our programme:

**Friday 21 May 2021:** Year 11 will be in school as usual as there are assessments to be completed. Pupils may choose to bring with them a school shirt that can be signed as a memory of friendships and experiences at TSS. Period 5 will now be a Form Tutor period so time can be spent with their Form Class and reflect on their time at TSS. The Year 11 team have planned what will take place during this time

**Monday 28 June 2021:** Year 11 pupils are invited to return to school for a programme of study that has been organised by our Denys Salt Sixth Form Team and includes a series of Taster Sessions of work at Sixth Form Level, study periods on UCAS, Personal Statements, Unifrog, Apprenticeships, CV preparation, Budgeting, Wellbeing and workshops with the National Citizenship Service

**Friday 2 July 2021:** Year 11 Leavers Lunch which will be held in Café Cosmopolitan organised by the Year 11 Team as a celebration of the time Year 11 have had at TSS

**Monday 5 July to Friday 9 July 2021:** Denys Salt Sixth Form Study Days – this will be a programme of study either subject specific Level 3 work or an enhancement of Level 2 work that needs further development as a consequence to the impact of COVID-19. The Study Days for our Denys Salt Centre are an expectation for anyone returning to our Sixth Form; a detailed schedule will be issued soon through Parent Mail.

**Monday 12 July to Thursday 15 July 2021:** Denys Salt Sixth Form Study Days – this will be a continuation of the programme of study either subject specific Level 3 work or an enhancement of Level 2 work that needs further development as a consequence to the impact of COVID-19

We know we cannot replace a final assembly or a School Prom, but we want to do something to mark the occasion in a caring and supportive way that marks the ending and beginning of chapters in life.

I wish to thank all of our Year 11 for their continued focus on wanting to do the best they can and make themselves, their families and our school proud; they have achieved so much in these challenging times and we cannot underestimate the effort that must have been made to adjust to such a different school life than many of us have ever or will ever experience. I wish each and every one of you success for the future and I hope you will look back on your time with us with pride.

Yours sincerely

Ian Morrel  
Headteacher