

Dear Year 11 Families

It was a fantastic evening last night celebrating with Year 11 - the perfect end to their 5 years with us - and emotional for many staff knowing this would be the last time we would all be together with this wonderful year group.

We've mentioned to you all throughout the year what a brilliant year group this cohort has been. They've continued to show a real community spirit and have always been there for each other - they are all lovely people to be around. I recognised with the year group, that they found the strength, warmth and kindness to always support each other, especially in the most difficult of times. It is only right that one of their legacies is to leave the kindness badge (a new badge) behind for us to award to students in the school going forward.

I would also like to thank you all - our families. The last few years have not been the easiest of times but we have always appreciated your support to work alongside us, entrusting us with your children and in the systems we've put in place to help them all individually grow and develop. We hope you look back on your 5 years with us with some fond memories too.

Thank you to families who have emailed school to send messages of thanks - these always brighten our day and keep staff going at the end of a long day. The voice of families is key to our success in supporting students. If you would like to spend a few minutes completing our survey, we would appreciate your time. We're always striving to improve our work: [Y11 Families Exit Survey](#)

We have launched our Alumni network this year and emailed all Year 11 students with a survey to collect their email addresses. We plan to stay in touch with students each term with Varndean Eye and reach out to them to invite them in for days to speak to students in the future. It's always great to share the successes of ex-students. Here is the link if your child would like to participate: [Y11 Alumni Network](#)

We look forward to seeing students on 'Results Day' on Thursday 25th August. Please see the [Exam Results Day 2022 letter](#) attached to this email for the plans for the day.

The National Careers Service is also running some webinars about next steps and results if useful: [Exam Results 101](#)

[BrightTeach](#) are running a free online programme for GCSE students heading to their A-levels who are going to study Maths, Biology, Chemistry and/or Physics. More information on the schedule can be found on [this flyer](#).

We will be refunding any ParentPay balances over the next few weeks. In the meantime, enjoy the summer and please do get in touch if you have any further questions.

Best wishes

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