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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Update for year 11 students, parents and carers

Firstly, I would like to say how proud I am of the year 11 students and the way they have continued to conduct themselves throughout this difficult year and particularly during the past few weeks where they have undertaken mini-assessments. They are a real credit to themselves. I'd also like to thank parents and carers for all your support through what has been a turbulent and challenging year. As we head towards the end of this academic year, I am writing to update you on several arrangements for year 11 students.

End of term – Friday 28 May

As you know, students will have completed their courses, in most cases, by Friday 28 May. In normal circumstances, where formal exams were taking place, after the May half term students would only attend school when they had exams and would use this time to study and revise at home. As students this year will have completed their work towards their qualifications, we will not require students to attend school in person in the majority of cases.

Instead, we have put together a remote programme, focused on continued preparation for post-16 and beyond, that we expect students to engage with from home between Monday 7 June and Friday 25 June. Further details will be issued before the May half term, but the programme will include valuable sessions for those studying certain subjects post-16, generic sessions on such things as essay writing technique, apprenticeship workshops and virtual work experience opportunities. In cases where we may require students to attend onsite for a specific reason, then we will contact you directly regarding this.

Therefore, Friday 28 May is the final day where we will require all students to attend Brockington College in person. On Friday 28 May, year 11 students will finish school just before their lunch break at 12.10pm. During the morning, students will have opportunity to say goodbye to their teachers, to spend time with their form tutors and enjoy the infamous final 'virtual' leavers' assembly. Friday 28 May will also be a whole school non-uniform day, in aid of the British Asian Trust Oxygen for India Emergency Appeal. £1 donations can be paid, via ParentPay, on 27 and 28 May. If you do wish for your son/daughter to remain in school for the entire day, then please notify my PA, Diana Walker, via dwa@brockington.leics.sch.uk by Wednesday 26 May and arrangements can be made.

Year 11 prom

After careful consideration, we have made the decision not to go ahead with the prom, which was tentatively proposed for Friday 25 June. We were waiting to find out what the government might announce regarding the next stages of the roadmap to ease lock down restrictions. Unfortunately, we do not feel at this point that there is enough information about what restrictions may/may not be in place for us to be able to plan effectively.

Alton Towers – Thursday 17 June

However, we do want to provide an opportunity for students to mark the end of their time at Brockington College in a positive way. Therefore, we are proposing to run a trip to Alton Towers on Thursday 17 June. We are intending that this will be manned by year 11 form tutors, alongside Mr Marsden, Head of Year 11, and Mr Mayes, year 11 Pastoral Manager. We hope that this enables students to enjoy some time with their year group outdoors and provide some final memories as they leave the college. Further details, including timings and costings, will be distributed to parents and carers next week.

It has been a pleasure to work alongside you and your children over these past two years and guide them through the completion of their Brockington journey. I hope that you and your families can enjoy some time together as we face a more hopeful summer. We will look forward to seeing the students again on results day, Thursday 12 August; further information and arrangements will be shared once available.

Yours sincerely

Sadie Batstone
Principal

