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To my wonderful Year 11 students

Just a quick letter to let you know how proud I am of all of you. I know the GCSEs have been a marathon and some of you still have a way to go. Keep calm and focussed as you are doing so well.

I have been trying to work on a plan to accommodate some of your requests around book and shirt signing. I hope you did not feel that I was being too harsh in my decisions, I was just trying to respect those who still had exams and the teachers who were still working with some students. When shirt signing takes place it usually signifies 'the end' yet some of the students have not finished, so it is crucial they feel valued.

However, I know how important the shirt signing is to you all so I have a plan.

The final exam is Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June which is Hospitality. Therefore at 12 noon on that day (20<sup>th</sup> June 2024) I would like to invite all Year 11 students into the Hall to have Pizza (Dominos/Pizza Hut on us) and then at lunchtime you will be able to go around school to get your shirts signed from staff before the Leavers' Service. I would then like all students to congregate back in the Hall at 13.00 and we will walk across together to the Methodist Church for the final time.

Therefore, for the Leavers' Service if you could please wear:

- Your blue school shirt – no tie. If you wish to wear a black top (not cropped) under your shirt with your shirt open that is fine.
- School skirt or school trousers.
- Black knee socks or tights if you are wearing a skirt.
- Black ankle socks if you are wearing trousers.
- School shoes or trainers are fine.
- Jewellery is fine.

You can bring books into form next week and staff will do their best to sign them for you if required.



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Just a reminder for you regarding the next two weeks

On **Wednesday 12th** and **Thursday 13th June**, all students will have Science revision lessons Period 1 and Period 2. Students who study subjects still to be examined in Geography, GCSE DT or Hospitality are to remain in school for revision lessons during Period 3, 4 and 5 on these days. If students do not study these subjects, they are free to leave school after the Period 2 Science revision lesson.

On **Friday 14th June**, all students are to attend school as normal. Students who study Geography have their exam at 09.00. Students who do not study Geography will have a Science revision lesson during Period 1. All students will have Science revision lessons during Period 2 and Period 3 in preparation for the Science Exam which starts at 1pm. This is the last main exam that **all** students sit. After this exam, students will be dismissed from their exam venues and are free to leave school. Only students still to sit remaining exams in GCSE DT, Hospitality, Music or Further Maths are required to come into school following Friday 14th June for revision lessons as scheduled on the Exam Revision Timetable.

Please keep going; the end is in sight. We are all here for you any time, please remember that.

Best wishes

Mrs Scott-Herron  
**Headteacher**



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