

10 May 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Re: Class of 2023 Leavers Celebration and Mementos

We are so incredibly proud of the way our year 11 students have shown grit and determination with their studies and their preparation for the forthcoming exams. We are keen to ensure that the Class of 2023 has a leavers afternoon and assembly at school to remember!

The Year 11 leavers afternoon will be taking place on Thursday 15 June. Students have been keen to share what they would like to have during this afternoon and we have tried to take on board as many requests as possible. I'd like to therefore outline what we will be organising and some expectations that will remain in place during the day:

Day overview

- **P 1 & 2-** Students either in their history exam or in exam booster sessions. Please note students must be in full uniform.
- **11:00** - Year 11s go to the sports hall to start having their leavers books (see below) and shirts signed. Weather permitting we will then go out on the field so they can play sports (football & rounders). If they do not wish to play they can sit on the bank and watch. The sports hall will also be supervised for students to be able to sit in there should they wish.
- **12:30 - 13:00** - Students return to the sports hall for final signing opportunities. They will then need to ensure they have their correct uniform to move to the canteen for their lunchtime
- **13:00 - 13:30** - Year 11 lunchtime, we will be moving the year 8 lunch so that they can have a final lunchtime on their own.
- **13:30** - Year 11 assembly in the main hall - Various awards, performances and speeches.
- **14:30** - Students leave the academy.

I. Shirt signing

We know how important this is to students and so we would like to encourage students to bring in a spare shirt (last year, students decorated or had their names added prior to bringing in the shirt). We will also have some shirts available for students to use. Students will be able to get their shirts signed during the leavers celebration period 3 and 4. Year 11 students won't be permitted to move around school to ask staff, nor will they be able to have the shirt they are wearing signed. However, we will be encouraging staff to pop down whenever they can.

2. Leavers book

We would like to give students the opportunity to purchase a leavers book in which staff and students can write messages. The image shows the style we will be ordering, however the lettering colour would be purple (it will also say 2023!).

If you would like to order one of these you would need to make payment via iPay where you will see the leavers book listed against your child's name. The cost is £9.59. Students will be able to get friends and staff to sign this during the day. I hope these will be delivered for June so that students can use them as soon as they come into the academy.



3. Using mobiles phones during the leavers ceremony - As you know we have a strict policy within the academy for the use of mobile phones. However, we acknowledge that this is a special event that students would like to remember. We will therefore allow students to use their phones between 11am - 2:30pm whilst the sports event and leavers assembly is taking place. We ask that students remain mature and sensible with this and that they do not post photos of staff on social media, nor take any photos or post photos on social media without consent.

I'm really excited to be able to share this with you and I hope you agree that it should be a special event to mark the end of year 11 for a phenomenal year group.

If you would like to order a leavers book, please can I ask that all orders are placed by Friday 19th May at the very latest.

Yours sincerely,



Ms C Schulze
Vice Principal