

June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Y11 Leavers' assembly update

As you're probably aware, over the last few weeks, the Local Health Authority has stated that Newcastle-under-Lyme is currently in the midst of a local outbreak of the Delta variant with infection rates currently sitting at 97.3 cases per 100,000 and Stoke-on-Trent is at 142.8 cases per 100,000. These figures put our local area in to a category that is much higher than the national average. As a result, schools and academies in the local area have been instructed to cancel all unnecessary gatherings until the end of the summer term. This means that we have had to **cancel** the leavers' assembly on **Thursday 1st July 2021**. We are now intending on incorporating aspects of the leaver's assembly into the Academy Prom on **Tuesday 20th July**, but this will not include the shirt signing.

Due to this change, we will also need to alter how we hand out leavers' hoodies. Please see below a plan where we will hand over hoodies to students in an order determined by the first letter of their surname. Students will need to walk on to school site, report to reception and wait outside for a member of staff to hand over the hoodie. Please only attend during the date and times allocated.

Letters at the start of surname	Date and time of collection
A-E	5 th July; 3.40-4.00pm
F-K	6 th July; 2.40-3.00pm
L-R	6 th July; 3.05-3.30pm
S-Z	6 th July; 3.35-4.00pm

This is not how we envisaged saying goodbye to Year 11, however, we must act in the interests of the whole local community to support the reduction in the local infection rate.

For those students not coming to the Academy Prom, we look forward to seeing you on results day on **Thursday 12th August**.

Yours sincerely



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