



10th May 2023

Dear Year 13 Parents/Carers

We are impressed by the way the vast majority of Year 13 students are rising to the challenge of their final A level examinations and working hard on revision over their final days of school. As a group of young adults, they have overcome many challenges in Sixth Form and their maturity and resilience as a year group is highly commendable.

As students near the end of their secondary education, we wanted to send you some final information:

Exam Timetables

Students were issued with their exam timetables before Easter. It is a good idea to have this displayed somewhere visible at home to ensure students know the dates and times of their exams, and so you are aware of these too. With the exam season now so close, students should be spending significant time in the evenings and at the weekend focusing on completing revision, balanced with plenty of breaks, rewards and rest. If anyone needs any final support with revision, please get in contact. Study Leave begins from the morning of Monday 15th May, but students are still very welcome to attend school to revise during study leave.

University Firm/Insurance Choice and Student Finance deadline

We have advised students to check their UCAS Hub/Track accounts carefully to see when they need to respond with their firm and insurance choices as this deadline varies, depending on when they have received their final offer. If students intend to go to university this Autumn, they must apply for Student Finance by 19th May to guarantee finances are in place for their start of their degree course. Resources are posted on Classcharts to support students with their finance applications.

Further Careers Advice

Students are welcome to make appointments to come into school during study leave (and indeed next year) if they need further careers support and guidance.

Leavers' Day: Friday 12th May

We are looking forward to celebrating their Leavers' Day with Year 13. Students are invited onto the school site from 8am for pastries and tea/coffee with their form tutors in the restaurant. We then have an extended Leavers' Assembly followed by some sports activities and a lunchtime BBQ provided by the school. Students will receive their hoodies too. Students then leave after lunchtime to get ready for the Sixth Form Ball.

We have explained to students that we have a no prank policy in the run up to and on Leavers' Day itself; if anything were to happen students know they would be sent home and risk suspension, but we have every confidence students will behave respectfully and observe 'the Waddesdon Way' to the very end.

Year 13 Ball: Friday 12th May

Please see the letter emailed home recently with all the details.

A level Results' Day: Thursday 17th August

A level results will be available for collection from school from 9am on Thursday 17th August. We are both in school to support students that day and indeed the following day, along with Miss Hay and Mrs Bridges for further careers support. In advance of Results' Day, we recommend students read up about UCAS Clearing to build on an assembly we delivered last week:

UCAS Clearing: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/what-clearing>

If any student needs further support in the coming weeks, please do not hesitate to get in contact. Thank you for all your support from home over the past two years; it has been greatly appreciated.

May we take this opportunity to wish all of Year 13 every future success. We hope they will have fond memories of their time at Waddesdon and keep in contact with the school.

Yours sincerely

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