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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we have adapted to the changes that have been asked of us for grading students this year. It is a rigorous process and we are pleased with the levels of effort that the majority of students have shown. There will be further information shared with students and parents over the coming weeks.

We would just like to update you on a few things that will be occurring over the next few weeks.

Students have been sent links to order yearbooks and hoodies. These will not be delivered into school until June so arrangements for their collection will be explained at a later date. Yearbooks can be purchased from this link: <https://wav.ee/kesyearbook21> with a deadline of 12pm on 6<sup>th</sup> May Hoodies can be purchased from this link: <https://wav.ee/keslichfieldhoodies21> with a deadline of the 14<sup>th</sup> May.

We have scheduled an opportunity for students to have a year group photograph on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May. On this date we require all students in Year 11 to be in full uniform (shirt and tie, not blue polo shirt). We plan to do this outside weather permitting and are hopeful that by this date the guidance around masks will have been lifted.

The leavers date for Y11 students will be on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**. After this date students will not be required in school for lessons. It is possible that we may need to contact students or parents during the moderation process so we will need students to be available after half-term until the final submission deadline for grading on Friday 18 June.

Unfortunately, Drayton Manor have said that the Prom is unlikely to go ahead. Although our date for the prom is after the date when restrictions will be lifted, they are not able to tell us what they will be able to accommodate in terms of catering and numbers at this stage. It is a disappointment to cancel the prom for the second year running but we can understand the venue's apprehension, we also want to avoid any unnecessary expense linked to last minute cancellation.

We will be looking at alternative ways to celebrate with the year group and will share details more widely once we have had the opportunity to discuss this further with students and staff.

As a reminder, the results day for Year 11 GCSEs will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August. Information about the arrangements for this date will be issued closer to the time.

We would also like to let you know about the National Citizen Service. The NCS are promoting a number of summer opportunities for Year 11 students. These are a great way for students to develop their life skills and will help them stand out when applying for university, apprenticeships or a job.

### What is NCS?

This summer there are 2 options available:

#### **Option 1**

**Week 1-** This is residential and they will stay away from home at an outdoor activity centre (Monday to Friday.) It's their chance to meet new people and do amazing activities like rock climbing, canoeing, and abseiling.

**Week 2-** A personal and professional development week based at home which sets them up for their future (Monday to Friday). They will then plan design and pitch their social action project.

**Week 3** During this week they will deliver their social action project (Monday to Thursday) to raise awareness or money for something they are passionate about.

#### **Option 2**

If they don't fancy going away, then choose a 2-week option, where they'll have an amazing experience locally with no residential involved.

**Week 1-** A personal and professional development week based at home which sets them up for their future (Monday to Friday). There will also be fun activities like escape rooms and taskmaster. They will then plan design and pitch their social action project.

**Week 2-** During this week they will deliver their social action project (Monday to Thursday) to raise awareness or money for something they are passionate about.

### When is NCS?

NCS takes place in the summer holidays. There are a number of different start dates available ranging from mid-July to mid-August. All dates and options are available on the website [www.wearencs.com](http://www.wearencs.com).

### Why do NCS?

- Over 500,000 people have already done NCS
- NCS looks good on UCAS statements and develops skills employers want
- NCS gives young people a chance to meet new people and build confidence
- NCS helps young people be heard in their local community
- NCS is fun and a great way to spend the summer

### How much will it cost?

NCS costs £1,500 per place, most of which is covered by the government. As such, **NCS will only cost you £50**. That covers everything; food, activities and accommodation while young people are away. Financial assistance bursaries are available.

### How to sign up for NCS

Visit **[www.wearencs.com](http://www.wearencs.com)** to sign up now or alternatively call NCS on 0800 197 8010. We truly value NCS as a transformative programme and hope you'll encourage your young person to take part.

Thank you again to all of the staff, students and yourselves for the support over this turbulent time and we hope that the remaining few weeks of year 11 are positive for all involved.

Kind regards,



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Achievement Leader – Year 11