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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 students have been working hard, both in lessons and the after school revision sessions so my thanks to you for support in continuing to encourage them. What I can announce is that in line with other schools in the trust year, 11 will be leaving towards the end of the first week after half term so their last day will be Thursday 6th June. The final assembly will take place after the English Language Paper 2 exam. More detail will be given to students nearer the time but just for your information, students must wear their school uniform as usual on that last day and every time they come into school for exams. Year 11 parents will receive a separate communication before half term asking them to formally agree that their child can be released from school early on that day – it will be around lunchtime, but exact times will be given – otherwise they will attend their usual lessons in the afternoon.

On Monday it was a privilege to present awards to a group of students along with the Director of the Confucius Institute. It was a pleasure to hear all about the work the students having been doing and to see the finished products; they were very impressive. On Wednesday morning I met with the students involved in the “Bite Back” initiative which is led by Mr Gardiner. They put forward three objectives all of which I thought had been well considered and very worthy. As I have mentioned before, the focus is on school meals and I fully support and agree with the areas there are wanting to develop. In some we can move fairly quickly and others we will need to speak to our provider (ABM).

For parents in of year 9 students, the guided choice online form should be completed by Monday 29 April so can I ask those who have not yet gone through the process to do so as quickly as possible using the following link <https://forms.office.com/e/MhjEJww7pW>. We can then sit down with those who need additional guidance and help them before making final choices on the 6 May.

On Thursday I went to see the Stagedoor Academy production of the Wizard of Oz and it was excellent. I’ve now managed to see a few productions and each one has been of a very high standard. It is great to see some of our students involved, it reminds me of when I was in the sixth form up in Scotland where we were constantly involved in various music productions. To be involved in such events is a great experience. What I particularly noticed about this production was the wide range of ages of those involved and the audience that contained a number of cubs and scouts. The singing and acting were both spot on, very clear and animated with some superb costume design. You can always see how much has gone into a production and that was certainly the case last night. Well done and my congratulations to everyone involved. I recommend that you go tonight or this weekend if you can get tickets.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mr Jim Nixon
Headteacher

Future events:

- W/C 29 April – Textiles exam
- 06 May Bank Holiday