

11 May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

We are preparing to bid Year 13 students farewell on Friday 20th May as they come to the end of their education at Ripley. This occasion will be marked by a formal Leavers' Service in the Chapel at 11.00am. The Leavers' Dinner will be held at View, University of Cumbria on Friday 27th May at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

The main body of exams for Year 13 begins on Monday 23rd May. Students are welcome to use our excellent study facilities whilst on exam leave. They are reminded that if they choose to do this, then they must adhere to Sixth Form dress code and have their ID badge with them, as is the requirement for all exams.

Please note the following information about special consideration. Information about applying for special consideration is contained in our [examinations booklet](#) and detailed information is available from the [Joint Council for Qualifications \(JCQ\)](#). Special Consideration can only be applied for **after** the exam which has been affected, not in advance.

The JCQ has updated the guidance this year in line with the most recent UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) guidance on Covid-19.

- Candidates who are unwell and have a high temperature, are advised not to attend exams until they feel better and no longer have a temperature.
- Candidates who test positive for Covid (if they have chosen to take a test or have been directed to do so by a medical professional) are advised not to attend exams for 3 days.
- Please contact school immediately in these situations to report the absence and we can apply for special consideration on the grounds of 'absent from exam'.
- We will require that parents and pupils complete the [JCQ Form 14](#). This is a self-authentication form and requires pupils to sign to say they are not committing exam malpractice.

The form makes it clear that results can be withdrawn or candidates disqualified if false claims of illness are made.

Results Day is on Thursday 18th August and students may collect their results from the Sixth Form Centre from 8.00am until 10am. We advise all students to be present on Results Day and to be available in the days following in case they have to make unexpected decisions about their future plans, in particular with regard to university applications. A separate advice sheet will be provided to students outlining what to do in all eventualities. A student who will not be present must provide Mr Sim with a letter of authorisation for a named person to collect results on their behalf. This person will need to bring ID with them on Results Day. No results will be given over the phone or by email. Any results not collected on the day will be posted to the home address later on Thursday 18th August.

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In addition to Results Day, Sixth Form staff will be available at the following times to offer advice to students:

08.00am – 3.00pm on Results Day, Thursday 18th August
09.00am – 3.00pm on Friday 19th August

If you need to contact staff during the results period it is vital that you use the following number to ensure that you receive a response. Tel: 01524 64496 **ext 1070**.

It has been a privilege to work with all of the students and whilst we shall be sad to see them leave, we are mindful that they are ready for the next stage of their lives whether that is in Higher Education, training, employment or to pursue a Gap Year plan. We wish them every success.

With best wishes,
Denise Apsey
Head of Year 13, on behalf of The Sixth Form Tutor team.