



13<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to Friday and my parental update this week.

### **Staffing**

No recruitment this week but many of our adverts for new posts close this week or next. I will update you on how we get on with these next week. I have talked about how important it is to get the curriculum right for our students and with that in mind we are advertising for two brand new teaching posts to develop the curriculum. We are looking for two instructors, one to deliver art and the other construction/DT. I am very excited about the vocational curriculum that is coming together for next year. All jobs are on our website if you know anyone interested.

### **SATs Week and Year 11 examinations**

Firstly, well done to all the year 6 students who took their SATs examination this week.

Year 11 students will be starting their exams next week and I would encourage parents to support them in their preparation for these examinations. Mr Scott has sent home the updated exam timetables along with the names of staff that are invigilating and supporting our students on the day. Morning examinations will start at 9.15am and afternoon examinations will start at 12.30pm. If a taxi is late in the morning we do have a 15 minutes window to delay the start time so please tell your child not to worry.

We know examinations can cause high levels of anxiety for students so we have put significant plans in place to support them through this process over the next couple of weeks. Teachers will be providing students with revision materials and if you require more information contact the relevant class teacher.

### **Year 11 leavers date**

The final date for year 11 at Forest Moor will be Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>. Further details of how this last week will look will follow soon.

### **Uniform for next year**

We will be having a big push on uniform in September now that other aspects of the school are becoming more settled. If you would like to order uniform for next year please contact the office before July so that an order can be placed and be ready for 1<sup>st</sup> September.

### **Absent students**

Please could you help the office team by phoning in advance if you know your child is absent from school, giving the reason why and an indication of how long they may be absent. Our new PSA starts after half term and she will be supporting parents with longer term absence difficulties once she starts.

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## Supporting children with anxiety

This week has been mental Health week and we know that many of our children experience high levels of anxiety and I am providing parents with this useful link below from North Yorkshire safeguarding board with gives information and support. Just scan the QR code below which will take you to a video.



As always, if you have any comments about Forest Moor and our journey this year, do feel free to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

Steve Tighe  
Associate Principal