

Dacorum Association of Secondary School Headteachers D.A.S.S.H.

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Dear Parents/Carers

Arrangements for the end of Year 11 and Year 13 courses

You will be aware of the Department for Education's decision about the awarding of this summer's GCSE and A level grades. Following the cancellation of public exams, this year's grades will be generated by teacher assessment. However, it is important to note that, in line with official guidance, each school will administer a rigorous system of moderation and quality assurance. This will include some Dacorum schools working together to facilitate the moderation process.

Schools need to submit grades to the exam boards by 18th June and this date, therefore, informs the decision about 'leaving dates' for Year 11 and Year 13 students. All schools in our Dacorum group have agreed that these students will complete their studies at the May half term break, with a last day in school being either 27th or 28th May; each school will have its own particular arrangements for each year group. However, we would like to build in a cushion between the last day of school and the submission of exam grades. This may be useful if an individual student has missed an earlier assessment task and would provide an opportunity for that student to catch up. We would, therefore, ask that all students in Year 11 and Year 13 ensure they are available to come into their school during the period 7th - 18th June, should the need arise. Specific dates will be communicated by each school. Otherwise students will not be expected in school after the half term break.

With best wishes to you and the students in our Dacorum schools.

Kind regards

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