

# Final Year 11 Newsletter - 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020



## Final message from the Year 11 team:

This is the point you would have been going on on study leave for half term. It would have been your final assembly and a chance to say goodbye. Instead, here is your final e-newsletter with all the words we would have said.

### Ms Holt:

Has it really been three years? Well, you have been annoying, amazing, frustrating, uplifting and generally the best year group I could have wished for. You have done yourselves proud. You have grown in confidence, maturity and resilience and I am hugely proud of you all. I have great faith that every one of you will go on to achieve whatever you set your hearts and minds to. I have made tea, mopped up tears and celebrated success with so many of you. I'm going to miss you all popping into my office for a chat. If you're back with us next year, come and see me to let me know how you are. Whatever you do and wherever you go, keep the faith, work hard and know that my very best wishes for every good thing go with you.

### Mr Catt:

Hello Year 11. I hope you and your families are well and you have set up those whatsapp chats (or whatever social media you use these days. Is it tik-tok or something Bailey?) to keep in touch and have a laugh with friends. So it's no more boring assemblies from us on a Friday morning in the school hall or smiling across at your friends as you read their names on the student of week powerpoint. I have missed walking into your Y11 GCSE lessons to award working well postcards and watching you bribe and argue with your teachers to prove how hard you have been working. Really?! From my experience it's often not you Josh Lee. A special well done to my Maths class 11P/Ma1b who finally stopped blaming their "last" teacher and got those circle theorem questions right in the mocks. Well done. Please remember to thank all your teachers as I know they worked very hard to support you this year and they look forward to seeing you on results day (finger crossed we can open) and hearing about your future pathways.

Finally, as these strange days go on, I don't know about you but I find the rollercoaster of emotions is one of the most surprising aspects. This week I happened to stumble upon this quote from 'Winnie the Pooh', capturing that sense we've all rediscovered of how important the people in our lives are:

"Pooh!" he whispered.

"Yes, Piglet?"

"Nothing," said Piglet, taking Pooh's paw. "I just wanted to be sure of you."

### **Miss Botting:**

Wow!! Not really sure what to say apart from I feel so sad for the way your final year at The Weald came to such an abrupt end! I am so glad we managed to pull together a last minute assembly and you all got to share that time together and of course with the added bonus of the Hoodies :0)

I didn't have the privilege of working with all of you but you are a great year group and I am sure you will succeed in whatever you choose to do. Those of you that are joining us in the Sixth Form I look forward to seeing you again. Best wishes for your future, take care.

### **Looking outward and onward**

Over the next ten years your lives are going to expand outward. It really is onwards and upwards for you all. Many of you will move to new places for work, some of you will travel. Some will get married and some will even have children. Strong family ties and supportive friends can help you deal with the stresses of life. Friends and family can make you feel included and cared for. They can offer different views from whatever's going on inside your own head. They can help keep you active, keep you grounded and help you solve practical problems. Especially those friends you have forged bonds with over the last five years. Those friends have watched you grow and develop from a child into a young adult. They have seen you fail and succeed. Seen you cry and laugh and shout. It is all too easy to lose touch as your lives take different directions. Work hard to keep the lines of communication open and the ties of friendship strong. A good friend made now really can last you a lifetime.

### **Hello and goodbye and keep safe from the three of us:**



## Heads of House:

One of the most amazing things about our school is the care that the Heads of House have taken of you over the years. They have been there for you every step of the way. I know they were as sorry as any of us not to be able to say goodbye properly so here are their words to you:



**Mrs Clarke:**

You are all amazing and it has been a joy knowing you all, Good luck for the future, you will be fabulous whatever you set your mind to.



**Mrs Clayton:**

Wishing you all the very best, keep being awesome! X



**Mr Healy:** Y11 - it has been a pleasure... honest! You have been an extraordinary year group and it has been great to see you develop from little, sweet, innocent children to grounded, mature and fine young adults (most of the time!). I wish you all the best for the future; work hard...play hard. For all you Livingstone reds.... You'll Never Walk Alone. Mr H

PS - the selfie....my own attempt at a hair cut. Not bad at all. However, it is not

below a grade 2 😊



**Mrs Robins:** Year 11 - you are unique and amazing and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you over the last (nearly) five years. It is hard to imagine The Weald without you there. Go and be amazing, keep in touch and stay safe, sane and healthy x



**Mrs A'Barrow:**  
Reach for the stars!

**Miss Burke:**

Year 11; it was a pleasure to meet you all, there are some fantastic characters amongst you and I will be sad to see you go. Good luck for the future, take your best selves into the world and continue to shine!



## Any last words ?

What do you say when it's finally time to say goodbye? So difficult for final messages when we cannot see you.

Here are some of the things the staff would like to say to you.

*Just would like say well done to all Year 11 Food and Nutrition you have all worked incredibly hard this year and it has been a pleasure to teach and work with you and I wish you all the very best in your future studies. **Miss Hill***

*Dear 11C/Fr1 - I am genuinely, truly going to miss you. We came a long, long way since Y9 and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you, and teaching you. I wish you the best of luck for the future and I hope to hear from you all, even those not staying on at The Weald. Make sure you use your French at any suitable opportunity ;-)  
**Miss R***

*Good luck with whatever comes next for you. Remember we are always here for advice and support if you need it in the future. **Mrs Haynes***

*A Year 11 class quite unlike any I have taught before! Thank you all for putting a range of expressions on my face over the years. Mostly smiles of various kinds! Take good care of yourselves and of each other. I will miss you all. **Mr C.***

*Thank you for being a fantastic year group to teach! I wish you all the best for the future, **Mrs Griffin***

*Hi Year 11, I miss you all - yep, even those of you that think I won't miss you, I do! Top memories: Jake Moulds' and Grace Helms North's amazing creative writing - plus giggles with Grace over her stinky break-time snacks! Fred Snelgrove's and Ben Walker's sense of humour, plus Ben's occasional tantrums and strange doodles. Guessing how many minutes late Ella Nelson would be to class ;) Ella Courtney's progress in English due to hard work :) Wondering what inappropriate names would come up on kahoot! I hope you've all read at least one book during lockdown and eaten a ton of cake, like me. Take care and hope to see some of you in September.*

*P.s - I recorded you all a video message but I'm having issues sending it but will keep trying. Mrs Nicholls*

*Year 11 ! I wish you all the very best in the future. Those of you who have represented school sports teams over the years, it's been fun. Work hard, stay safe. Lunchtime 5 a side will never be the same again ! Meaney.*

*Hi Year 11s ! I wish you all the best in the future, and I am confident that you will go on to achieve everything that you set your mind to. You are all superstars ! Dr Wardell*

*You are a year group with a lot of character. Remember that the best way to achieve happiness is to make others happy. Good luck in the future. Mr Evans*

**And here are the things you wanted to say to each other:**

*I want to wish everyone in my year all the good luck in the world. I have really gained confidence with being in classes with the rest of my year. Thank you and we are all capable. (From Hollie Laker)*

*Bye, good luck in your next adventure*

**Email me if you want the final weekly quiz answers**

**#staysafe and look after yourselves.**

