



# Fulford School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well

Yesterday would have been our Year 11 Prom. These are always great occasions where pupils and staff can come together, relax, celebrate the end of the exam season and look forward to the next stages in the pupil's education.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to do this. It has been a difficult end to Year 11 and I am sure, like us all, our Year 11 will have had a mixture of emotions as they have lived through the pandemic. A lot of their 'rites of passage' have been taken away from them. Everyone will have been affected by this, some more than others.

It is important to remember at this time that we will move out of our current situation and normality and routine will return.

The exam results our Year 11 receive in August will have just as much value as they always have had and enable access to further study. They will represent the great work that has been completed by pupils.

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 11 back into the sixth form. The sixth form team are in the process of calling all pupils as well as posting transition work and video welcomes and information. Pupils not set to join Fulford Sixth Form will also be contacted over the next few weeks to check on their destinations and offer support.

Most importantly the friendships, the achievements and the growth that our Year 11 have experienced at Fulford will not and can never be taken away from them.

We are proud of them all; the way they have risen to challenges, shown respect and empathy and chosen to do the right thing. They will always be part of the Fulford family and our wish is that they will use the HEART values we all share as a community as foundations for future life decisions. We wish them well.

It has been lovely to welcome Year 10 back into school. They have been fantastic. Our systems have worked well. We are so very much looking forward to welcoming more children back into school when restrictions allow. It is important to remember we work within government instruction and guidance and cannot make unilateral decisions to open. Year 12 sessions have also gone very well, and we look to further increase these over the coming weeks.

Thank you for replying to our survey relating to attending a head teacher's forum. To help the interactivity of the meeting we have capped numbers and randomly selected parents and carers to attend. Following the meetings, I will publish frequently asked questions to all parents and carers.

The Education Secretary is set to share information around catch up funding and provision at the daily briefing this afternoon. We welcome this and will await further details.

The frustrations of continued lockdown are obvious to all. We all want our children back in school as soon as we can safely do so. Changes are happening. We see this all around us as shops open and restrictions are relaxed. Within the Department for Education's guidance to schools there has been approaching 200 changes. As a school we continue to adapt current provision and plan for what school will be like in September, awaiting a decision from central government. This is always done in line with our core values and in the best interests of our pupils.

Yours sincerely



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