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Dear Parent/Carer

As you know, from previous communications, Year 11 and 13's compulsory attendance at school is no longer required. So as they come to the end of their respective phases of school life, it would be remiss of me if I did not place on record how very proud we are of how our students have dealt with the extraordinary circumstances caused by the pandemic and lockdowns.

Year 13

The Year 13 leaving breakfast was particularly emotional for the staff and students and none more so than me, as this was the first Year 7 that I had seen through to Year 13. I am sure that I have at least one humorous story for each student. I am very thankful for the efforts of the sixth form leadership team, the Head Boy Aaron Kenton, the Deputy Head Boy, Baisyl Biju and the Assistant Head Boys: Robert Lawless, James Moss and Josh Kelly. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for prize night on 14 December 2021.

In case we need more information for the CAGs process, it is important that all Year 13 students keep in touch and check their emails from school.

Year 11

Working from home should continue and students should check emails from staff to see if there is anything needed to support their CAGs. Some students may be asked to attend school so that any pieces of work that have not been completed, are finished. Any failure to do this may detrimentally influence the final grade.

For the students who will be returning to us in September, we are expecting to see you on site for our bridging projects, which start week beginning 14 June. This is an excellent opportunity for you to see what sixth form life is like and to begin to explore the subjects you want to study full time in September.

In addition to this, all Year 11 pupils will be required to login to Teams to complete a remote progression package of Post-16 subject resources, careers and mental health and wellbeing materials at the following times. These are in areas, which are felt to be important in supporting them in the transition to the next phase of their lives:



Date	Topic	Time 8.45am start
Wednesday 9 June	Mental Health and Wellbeing	P1
Friday 11 June	Managing your finances	P1
Monday 14 June	Healthy Relationships	P1~
Friday 18 June	Politics and Voting	P1~
Monday 21 June	CV Writing and Job Applications	P1
Friday 25 June	Preparing for Next Steps	P1

~ As these are during the week of the sixth form bridging project, we would advise that your son should attend his subject option, if you wish to view this, it will be recorded for him to attend later.

Form teachers will also be ringing home to check in on the members of their form class. This will allow you, as parents, to raise any pastoral concerns that you may have.

As the end of the academic year approaches, we look forward to our Graduation Mass on Friday 9 July. This is one of the highlights of the year and the one, which I must confess, is my favourite. Please God we will be able to hold this celebration to show our appreciation for your support and the work of our students and to give thanks for all their endeavours. The occasion, to which you are all warmly invited, will start at 1pm and will finish at around 4pm.

Throughout your son's time at Cardinal Heenan, we have insisted on the highest standards in terms of enterprise, diligence and personal appearance. Thus as we meet to celebrate, it is very important that these standards are maintained and none more so than personal appearance. This is the last occasion that your son will wear his school uniform, which I am sure was worn with great pride in early September five years ago. Thus, it is right and fitting that on this, his final school event, your son arrives in full uniform and is wearing school shoes. Some will say I am being too conventional and outmoded but there is a certain nostalgia in events like this, which I am sure you will want to experience. Please be assured that if there are any issues over obtaining uniform, we can provide, with suitable notice, any outgrown items. By meeting this expectation, we will all be able to enjoy the Mass with the same equality that has been our hallmark throughout your son's time at Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School.

In what has been the most unusual and challenging of academic years, it is pleasing to acknowledge your continuing and steadfast support over this time. Without your cooperation and encouragement, things would have been far more difficult. For this, we are very grateful.

I look forward to welcoming you on 9 July. May God bless you all and keep you safe.

Yours sincerely

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