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Dear Parents,

The end of this week marks the end of the academic year at Gosforth. We say goodbye to our exam year groups and move the other three year groups up a year allowing us to plough on with curriculum content next half term.

Farewell Year 11 and Year 13

Today we will be saying goodbye and good luck to students in these year groups. With assessments reaching their conclusion it has been nice for students to enjoy this week a little more than previous weeks.

In Year 11 I had the pleasure of handing out awards to those students who had 100% attendance, highest stamps and clean slates for three years. These are remarkable achievements and the students receiving these rewards are a credit to the school and should feel very proud.

Year 11 students after half term will still be expected to engage in some remote activities on Frog which include:

- w/b 7th June- IAG and Career progression research
- w/b 14th June- Bridging work launched
- w/b 12th July- Bridging course (with introductory sessions on 9th July)

Mrs Vincent, Progression Manager, has also invited a select group of students in to support them with their next stage beyond Gosforth Academy.

Our Year 13 students will have farewell tutorials today, where subject prizes and specialist prizes will be awarded.

We wish students in both year groups a restful summer break, thank them for all their hard work and look forward to seeing them on results day.

Next half term arrangements

Monday 7th June ONLY

- New Year 10 (current Year 9)- enter through Student Entrance to be in form room for 9.30am

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- New Year 11 (current Year 10)- enter through the art block fire door to be in form room for 9.20am
- New Year 13 (current Year 12)- study leave for mock week. Compulsory attendance for vocational lessons.

From Tuesday 8th June onwards

- New Year 10- 8:40am
- New Year 11- 8:30am
- New Year 13- registration will begin from Monday 14th June at 8:40am- all students to enter through Sport@Gosforth

The end of each day will be slightly adapted next half term to extend teaching time. The new Year 10 will leave at the slightly later time than this year of 14:30 or 15:20. The new Year 11 will leave at 14:40 or 15:30. To accommodate an extra Maths or English lesson each fortnight the school day for the new Year 11 will finish on 15:30, not 14:40 as present on a Wednesday. Tuesday and Friday will remain as a 14:40 finish although many Y11's use 7-up on Tuesday to catch up on other work in department areas.

Covid Update

Unfortunately, over the last two weeks we have experienced an increase in positive cases, as have several schools locally and nationally.

There are a number of things which we would really appreciate your support on:

- Public Health advice is that people should not attend school if they are **ill for any reason**. Anecdotally, the positive cases we have seen recently have sometimes been preceded by upset stomachs or headaches. Whilst these are not named Covid-19 symptoms, it is still important you keep your child off for **any illness** during these times. Please ensure they have a negative test before returning to school.
- As we approach half term, we are hoping this will act as a useful 'firebreak' for us all. Please ensure your child sticks to the rules on social mixing over the holidays.
- We ask that students continue to test twice weekly over half term with their second test being on Sunday 6th June.
- If your child tests positive for Covid-19 over May half term and was in school 48 hours prior to the test or when symptoms started, please inform admin@ga.newcastle.sch.uk.

Please remember that LFD tests are only for asymptomatic cases. PCR tests are for those who are symptomatic.

Wishing you all a very restful half term and thanks as always for your ongoing support.
Yours sincerely,

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Principal