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Dear Parents/Carers,

You'll be pleased to know my update is like this half term has been- short but important.

### **Uniform Update**

The following change to the PE kit has been agreed for September 2025 where only **one** branded PE top of your choice is required to be purchased from the list below. Other branded items are available, but it is parental choice if you wish to purchase more than one branded PE top.

- navy/amber polo shirt (short sleeved) *or*
- navy/amber rugby shirt with school logo (long sleeved) *or*
- mid-layer navy outdoor top with school logo (long sleeved).

The school coat information is as follows:

"School black rain jacket and/or school black fleece (can be worn together) supplied by Michael Sehgal & Sons Ltd (both with or without the school logo are acceptable)."

### **Mobile Phones**

Mrs Marklew has already written to you about this but mobile phones will be banned in all areas of the school from May half-term for lower school students. Students are to have them switched off and in their bag throughout the whole day. The only real change here is that they are no longer allowed to be used outside at break and lunchtime. A vast majority of schools have similar bans, and I think this move will have a really positive effect on the mental health and wellbeing of our students. Clearly if you need to get a message to your son/daughter then please ring the school office and we will ensure the message gets passed on.

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We understand that sixth formers should be given greater freedoms like they would have at college but there are still only designated areas where they should have them out. We expect sixth formers to be role models for younger students, so we don't expect them to have them out in the corridors.  
Many thanks to parents for your support with this.

### **Farewell to Year 13**

Last week our Year 13 students went on study leave although many still took advantage of coming in and working this week which is great to see. Congratulations to all prize winners at the Leavers assembly. We look forward to celebrating the end of the exam period at the Year 13 Leavers Ball and wish you all the very best of luck in your exams and in the future.

### **Farewell to Year 11**

We're now coming to the end of a very busy exam fortnight for Year 11 students and students will be ready to take stock at half-term and prepare for another busy fortnight after half-term. Officially students go on study leave today but many students will be in after half term doing booster sessions-it's really important that students attend these sessions as staff can often question spot from previous exams and focus on what they predict might come up on future papers. My message to Year 11s is well done so far, get the right balance of rest and revision over half term and then kick on again for the final few weeks.

We look forward to welcoming many of them back into our Sixth Form but for those who are pursuing other routes; you leave with all our best wishes. Again, we look forward to celebrating with some of them at the Year 11 Prom.

### **End of academic year**

Today is officially the end of our academic year at Gosforth Academy. Our year groups roll to new timetables as of Monday 2nd June which allows the new curriculum to start early and September feels less daunting as students are already familiar with their teachers and courses. Students will be informed of their tutor groups and bases on the first day back after half term.

**School on Monday 2nd June is due to start at normal time of 8:40am.**

Thanks as always for all your support.

Yours Sincerely



Preit Chahal  
Principal