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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach our final week together I would like to share our plans for how we will say goodbye.

Next Friday, 28 May all Year 11 students will spend time with their Tutors at the start of period 4. They will have a chance to say goodbye, have some photos with each other and there will be a leavers video to watch, in which Mrs Oakley and I will have our chance to say farewell.

Shirt signing was due to take place at the 'Wildern Fest', however after listening to students it was clear that they wanted to do this before leaving and so after tutor time they will get the opportunity to meet all together within their Year 11 bubble and sign shirts. This is a tradition which is a perfect way to end their time at Wildern and means that all students and staff get one last time all together. However, any student that displays poor behaviour in the build up to this day will not be welcome at this event. This will be held outside but we have a contingency if the weather is bad. It will be advisable to bring a spare shirt to get signed.

After shirt signing students will then be asked to leave the site and not to hang around. This is to minimise potential disruption to other Year groups and to continue to follow Covid precautions. Please be aware that it is likely that the students will leave site before the usual 3.00pm, the exact time depends on how long shirt signing and other activities take to complete.

After half term we still have our College transition programme and more information about this will be sent out next week. A part of this will be an opportunity for students to drop back into school if they want for a catch up. We will still be here for them if they need us.

On the 24 June 'Wildern Fest' will be taking place between 4.00pm - 5.30pm. During this time student are welcomed back onto the school site for collection of hoodies, prom tickets as well as some snacks and entertainment. This is a final opportunity for us all to meet up together in school before our final goodbye at the Prom on the 9 July (subject to government restrictions).

More information is to follow regarding 'Wildern Fest' and Prom but until then I want to take this opportunity to thank you all so much for your help and support over the past 5 years. It has been quite a ride and I could not be more proud of how the year group have met the challenges thrown at them. I hope they all leave Wildern with fond memories, good friends and are ready for the next, incredibly exciting phase of their lives.

Yours faithfully

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