

4th June 2020

Dear Year 11,

This week we should have been welcoming you back for your last half term and celebrating the end of your school life at Our Lady and St Bede Catholic Academy. Sadly, due to these unprecedented times we are unable to do this, but we are so proud of each and every one of you and all you have achieved during the last five years. As a school community we continue to be amazed by your resilience during these challenging circumstances and please rest assured you are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Given the unusual circumstances we all find ourselves in currently, we feel it is important to continue the usual Year 11 traditions and begin the process of saying goodbye and wishing you the best for the future. We are delighted to announce that we are still offering you the opportunity to purchase a leavers hoodie. We are also finalising the yearbook but need some contribution from Year 11 pupils.

Yearbook

All pupils now have access to a Microsoft Teams Page called 'Our Lady & St Bede Yearbook 2020'. Pupils can now upload their headshot to be included in the yearbook.

Headshots should be:

- A colour photograph without any filters
- Just the head and shoulders of the pupil
- Pupils should be in their uniform

We ask that pupils upload their headshot to the correct "Form Group" folder e.g. St Mary; St Patrick etc.

If there are any photographs from school trips or events you would like to have included, please upload these into the "Events folder". There is a maximum limit of 3 images per pupil.

All images must be uploaded by no later than **12.00 noon, Friday 12th June.**

Hoodies and Leavers Dance

In the next week, you will receive a link to an individual questionnaire on the Teams App, and you will be sent a text when the link to this questionnaire goes live.

The link will allow you to consider a number of options:

1. Receive a free leavers t-shirt
2. Order a leavers hoodies, with £6 discount instead of opting for the free t-shirt.

Payment deadline for Hoodies will be **12.00 noon, Friday, 26th June.**

Also, as part of this questionnaire we will be collating your thoughts and preferences for the Annual Celebration Night and Leavers Dance.

Finally, I would like to remind all pupils, parents and guardians that the release of the GCSE results is still on **Friday 20th August.** More information regarding results day will be released closer to this date.

Please feel free to contact Miss Darmody via the Teams app page or school office if you have any further questions. In the meantime, stay safe, happy and healthy and make the most of the time together with your families.

Yours faithfully,



Miss K Darmody
Head of Year 11