

13 March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 13 Students

Year 13 Stand Down - Friday 9 May 2025

Year 13 students will stand down on Friday 9 May, although the last day of lessons will actually be on Thursday 8 May.

On Friday 9 May, students are invited to come into school in fancy dress for an 'It's a Knockout' type competition - Google it if you are too young to remember the TV show!

Students will have been made aware that their final week in school coincides with public examinations, which will be taking place in numerous venues around the school site. There will be GCSE examinations on the morning of Friday 9 May, so it is particularly important that Year 13 students are mindful of their conduct on site, as well as when they arrive and leave.

The precise arrangements for Friday 9 May are as follows:

- Unless coming in on the school bus, students should arrive at school at 9.30am and make their way to the top field behind the tennis courts.
- Students who use the school buses should go to the Sixth Form Common Room. They may be asked to help set up the various activities. Café 6 will also be open.
- Events will get underway on the field at around 10.00am, once the students have been organised into teams. We should be finished with the various games by about 11.30am. **Some of the events involve water and students may want to bring a towel/change of clothes if they are going to get fully involved.**
- Following 'It's a Knockout', refreshments will be provided. Students will also receive small gifts from the Sixth Form Team.
- At around 11.45am, we will gather the students together for some final goodbyes from the Headmaster, the Sixth Form Leads and the School Captains. We will also attempt to get a group photograph.
- Students will be expected to leave the site by 12.20pm at the latest (when the rest of the school start their lunchtime). Students need to leave the site in a safe and sensible manner.

We hope that the students will get fully into the spirit of the day, as we celebrate what is a landmark event in their lives. If students know they are unable/unwilling to attend, could they please inform Mrs Smith as we need to know numbers for catering.

Yours sincerely



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