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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your patience in waiting for us to communicate a leaving date for students in Y11 this year. As you know it has been a very uncertain period for everyone and we have been awaiting formal guidance from DfE before we could finalise our plans.

The last day of formal compulsory attendance in school will be **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2021**. We hope to be able to hold some form of leavers assembly with students in the afternoon of the 28<sup>th</sup> to mark the occasion, further details will be provided to students shortly.

We have chosen this date because all formal assessments will be completed by then. Details of the policy we are following to determine the grades using guidance and regulations provided by the Joint Council for Qualifications are available on our website under 'Exams', including the process for appeals.

Please remember that school staff are not allowed to disclose the grades being submitted and final grades will be determined by the exam board. Results will be issued in school between 10am and 12pm on Thursday August 12<sup>th</sup> 2021.

However, we are very conscious of the amount of school time that our students have missed and we will provide further support and guidance for Y11 students during June and early July to make sure they are ready for study beyond Shirebrook Academy whether that is at college, sixth form, apprenticeship or other work-based learning programme.

Before students leave on Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>, they will be asked to sign up to attend a range of voluntary sessions in school which will include:

- a programme of subject based sessions to help students prepare for college, sixth form or apprenticeships, for example: maintaining English & maths in preparation for college; preparing for Level 3 courses in specific subjects; and preparing for level 2 post-16 courses in specific subjects.
- careers support including applications support
- visits to and transition support from West Notts College

Details and sign-up sheets are included in this mailing. Please return these sign-up sheets to your child's form tutor by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

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AIMQUALIFICATIONS



PLATINUM AWARD



PREVENTING AND TACKLING CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR IN EDUCATION



East Midlands Chamber



Chamber Schools Member



WINNER



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD



RHS FIVE STAR 100 GARDENING SCHOOL



SCHOOL GAMES GOLD 2018/19



THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE'S CHARITABLE TRUST

In addition, tutors will make regular 'safe and well' phone calls to make sure students are getting all the support they need to make the transition to their next phase of their lives.

The Trust will be purchasing hoodies for all Year 11 students.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Cottingham', written in a cursive style.

**Mr M Cottingham**  
**Principal**