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Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to update you on the key dates coming up for Year 11 after Easter. I am so proud of our students for their commitment to learning and mature attitude demonstrated, considering the extended period of time students undertook with remote learning, our school has sprung back into life with students working hard to meet their own high expectations and the high standards of their teachers.

The Sixth Form team has been very aware of the experiences of students in Year 11, and we are working on how we will adapt our provision next year to meet the needs of all learners, as they begin Sixth Form. Below is a list of key dates to support all students as they transition to the next steps in their career pathways.

Key dates for Year 11:

- Wednesday, 26th May: Students will find out if they have secured a place in the Sixth Form
- Friday, 28th May: Year 11 Leavers Day
- Wednesday, 30th June: Year 11 Sixth Form Taster Day
- Week commencing Monday, 7th June to the week ending Friday, 9th July: Year 11 students joining the Sixth Form in September, will attend 1 hour a week of virtual learning per subject. The hour will provide bridging work for our students to ensure they are not disadvantaged in any way in starting in the Sixth Form, boosting confidence and building strong relationships with their teachers early on.
- Level 2 GCSE/ BTEC results will be published on Thursday, 12th August.
- Friday, 13th August: Open Morning for Sixth Form enquiries and applications, careers advice and guidance.

Throughout next half term, students will continue to have Careers interviews with our external advisers. If your child needs advice or support at this time please do not hesitate in contacting Mr Cunningham, Careers leader for the school: pcunningham@buckinghamschool.org.

If your child has any queries about Sixth Form, has yet to apply or has not had a Sixth Form interview, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. I am arranging for any remaining interviews to take place in the first week after the Easter break, during tutor time. Your child will receive an email confirming their interview time and date.

After Easter, we will be joined in assembly by our external Careers adviser Richard Harrington, who will talk about local labour market information and evaluate the impact of the pandemic locally for our students in comparison to the national landscape. The information I have been fortunate to view

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recently, paints a more positive picture for our students, with opportunities coming their way in coming months and the following year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for your ongoing support. Your recent feedback has helped us to respond to meeting the needs of our students throughout the pandemic. We have not always been able to fully appreciate the different experiences our students have had throughout lockdown; close partnerships with our students and their families has meant a great deal to us and the students.

As always, if you have any queries or your child is in need of support of any kind, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

With my warmest wishes,

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