

Year 11

22 May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 – Last Day of School

The day has arrived! It is the last proper day of school for our Year 11 students before they return only for exams, and it is hard to put into words just how emotional that feels.

Today will probably be filled with excitement, laughter, shirt signing, photos, and saying goodbye to routines and people who have been part of everyday life for the last five years. For staff and families, it is one of those moments where you suddenly realise just how quickly time has gone, and how tall they all are!!

Do your best but also look after yourselves. As I have said many times before, exams matter, but they do not define who you are. We know that life will not always go perfectly, and not every plan will work out exactly as expected, and honestly that is okay. Some of the best opportunities come from unexpected places. Be brave enough to try things, even when they feel difficult. Be proud of how far you have already come. And remember that success looks different for everyone.

To all parents/carers

I want to say a heartfelt thank you for all the support and trust you have shown over the years since I first took over. It has been such a privilege to watch this year group grow, mature, and reach this important milestone.

Working with your children over these years has given me so many memories that I will genuinely treasure, and I am incredibly grateful for the support you have given me along the way. Schools and families work best when we work together, and your support has allowed me to support them in the best way I could. Thank you for always being there for them and for placing your trust in me throughout their journey.

To Year 11

These are the moments you will remember years from now, even if you do not realise it yet, I know I look back at mine. The friendships, the laughter, the challenges, the successes, and all the memories you have made together will stay with you long after you leave these school gates today.

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It has honestly been a privilege to be your Head of Year. Watching you grow from Year 9 into the young adults you are today has been something I will never forget, and you have given me so many memories as my first ever cohort that I will always look back on with pride. Emotions are high today!

You will all go on to different paths and exciting new chapters, but a small part of this school will always belong to you, and a small part of you will always stay here too.

I am incredibly proud of every single one of you, I really am, and wish you all the luck in the world for your exams and for everything that comes after them. Believe in yourselves, work hard, and never forget how much potential you all have.

Thank you for the memories, Year 11, I will miss you.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Rowe'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'M'.

Miss M Rowe
Head of Year 11