

May 2019

Dear Year 11 parents

I write with reference to the cancellation to the whole year group photograph that was scheduled for this week. There are numerous reasons for this and I thank you for your understanding here.

Firstly, our number one priority at this time, is to ensure that each and every minute for year 11 is utilised to its full effect. We really can't afford to take out the time that a whole year group photograph will take.

Secondly, last year less than 20 students purchased the photograph and so the equation between time and meeting need does not match.

Thirdly, we have organised a photographer for our Prom and they will be available to take individual photographs as well as a whole year group photo. Our experience last year was that this was very popular and our students looked spectacular in all their Prom attire.

As with last year, we are organising Hoodies to celebrate the final farewell to our year 11s – our Cohort of 2019. We are expecting this to be a very popular way of marking the end of their time with us at Kingsdown. Indeed, last year over 150 of these were sold. The deadline for ordering these is this Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Ordering can be done online and the link is <https://bit.ly/2K5zzcD>. The password to get into the shop is **JWCZQ562**. The last date for orders is 10/5/19 and they will be available to collect in school from 10/6/19.

So, my thanks for your understanding here.

For now, I wish you and your son / daughter all the very best in their very final preparations for their GCSE / BTEC examinations. Just as a reminder – on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – this is a non-uniform day for all year 11 and year 11 only.

If there is anything further we can do and do together – please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With thanks



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