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SIR JAMES SMITH'S
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer

The lock down and school closure have been challenging and disruptive for all of us but in many ways it is our current Year 11 pupils who have suffered the worst of it. Finishing Secondary School and moving on to the interesting choices that await is something many of us will have clear and fond memories of, memories our current Year 11 pupils won't have in quite the same way.

I know that Ms Precious and the Year 11 team did a great job in helping Year 11 say goodbye back in March but this couldn't replace the traditional Record of Achievement presentation, Summer Prom and GCSE Results Day in August, just some of the things that aren't going to be happening for Year 11 this year. Plans for a reunion are still being made even though this won't be happening in July. Ms Precious and the team are looking at the possibility of a get together in the Autumn, details will be shared as soon as they're known.

Towards the end of August when GCSE results are posted home rather than being collected from school I know that many of you will have questions about what those results mean in terms of college places. This will be a first time for all of us, we have very little idea what will become of the Centre Assessed Grades we submitted to the Exam Boards recently and what changes they may have gone through before they get to you. Please rest assured that we will be on the end of a phone waiting to take your questions in August, you will be able to contact the school in the usual way with any questions you may have.

For those families in receipt of Free School Meals that entitlement will continue throughout the rest of the Summer Term. As and when any further clarification comes through about the Free School Meal entitlement over the Summer holiday we will of course be in touch.

There's a lot of housekeeping that takes place at this time of year for Year 11. Ms Precious will be in touch with further details of the location of boxes around North Cornwall to drop off school ties and jumpers along with any text books you might have. One of these boxes will be in the school reception and if you contact the school beforehand to arrange a time, you could drop off anything you might have and collect your locker key deposit along with anything that may have been left in that locker back in March.

As the song says, we'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when... but in the meantime, if you have any questions please get in touch in the usual way.

Keep well.

Yours faithfully

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