



DEAN TRUST Wigan

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To the Class of 2021

As previously discussed we have waited to see if the Government advice changed in regards to restrictions being lifted on June 21st, to provide pupils with every chance to enjoy an end of year prom in a safe way. Whilst we would like nothing more than for our year 11 students to enjoy a leavers prom, we have to balance carefully the risks posed by hosting such an event.

Following yesterday's Government advice regarding the extension of Covid-19 restrictions, Public Health England have reiterated that a Year 11 leavers prom would be classified as a large gathering and that such gatherings are bound by restrictions now in place until July 19th - when other restrictions are scheduled to be lifted, if indeed they are permitted to go ahead at all.

Unfortunately, we have taken the decision to confirm that the Leavers' Prom will not take place. We are very sorry that we have not been able to enjoy this annual event with you. However, we are bound by the advice that the Government has provided. Full refunds for Year 11 prom tickets will be reimbursed.

We always knew that the Year 11 experience would be significantly different from that of previous years. The way in which you have approached those challenges with such optimism and resilience has been particularly impressive: from year group restrictions to school closures; from face coverings in lessons to the cancellation of external GCSE examinations.

In the leaver's week of 7th June 2021, you took part in great activities with your friends and teachers, sharing fond memories of your five years together: the school trips, the sporting events, the lessons, your favourite subjects, the laughter and the friendships you have forged for life. These experiences, opportunities and memories are what typifies your time at The Dean Trust - the journey from childhood to adulthood. You should be very proud of what you have achieved.

You leave The Dean Trust as individuals with a great deal to offer and dreams to fulfil.

Enjoy every moment and remember that the challenges ahead are also opportunities: use your skills and talents to embrace them all. Take full advantage of all that life has to offer and never give up on your dreams, hopes or ambitions. And remember that in this lifetime you don't have to prove anything to anybody – except yourself!

We will never forget the wonderful Class of 2021. We will hopefully see you to collect your Teachers GCSE and BTEC Assessments. And you have of course now become part of our Alumni!

Good luck and best wishes. You will be missed greatly.

Mr Haseldine
Executive Headteacher

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