



DARRICK WOOD SCHOOL

AN ACADEMY AND TEACHING SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer

As we enter the main period of public examinations I write to express my best wishes to all our Year 11 and Sixth Form students. They have worked hard and deserve to do well this summer. There is much in the media about the challenge presented by the new GCSEs and A levels but we believe we could not have prepared our students better for these. Students will find it difficult to balance the hard work required for success whilst continuing to live healthy lifestyles, getting sufficient sleep and looking after themselves. We should also not to confuse hard work with the right kind of work. Many a lost hour can be spent highlighting notes without any actual additional learning taking place.

I would like to thank you as parents for your support. It can be an equally trying time for parents who, like us, only want the very best for the young people concerned. I look forward to seeing our students on the August results days when, like in previous years, I anticipate there will be much to celebrate.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher