

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Dear Parent / Carer

School photographs will be taken for Year 7 and Year 12 on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020. Whilst we work together to find a new normal, there are many changes to life within Darrick Wood Schools. We have had to make some difficult decisions about a range of events in our regular calendar, including school photographs.

Although many of you look forward to the opportunity to purchase each new year's School Photograph as a permanent record, we have unfortunately had to make the decision to restrict the event at this current time.

**Only Year 7 and Year 12 students will be photographed this term.** The need to maintain strict safety guidelines will not allow us to extend this event to other year groups until further notice, and these two groups of students have been chosen because they contain young people who are at the start of a totally new key stage; a great number of whom have previously not attended Darrick Wood School.

YEP, the photographic company we contract to undertake this process, are fully supportive of our needs and are working closely with us to provide a safe system for the photo shoot. Year 7 students will therefore be photographed in their form group bubbles during the morning of Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, and Year 12 will be photographed in very small groups during the afternoon. The two photo shoots will be separated by a thorough cleaning process of the venue in use, and additional cleaning will take place throughout both shoots.

The proofs of the photographs will be made available to you within a few weeks, and the intention is for the ordering process to be cashless; YEP will provide detailed instructions for this with the proofs.

We fully understand that a great number of you will be disappointed that your children are missing out on the annual event at this time, but we will continue to investigate ways that we can reschedule the other year groups later in the calendar. Should an opportunity arise, or the current restrictions be eased, I will contact you immediately with any dates and further information.

Once again, thank you for your support in this matter and please rest assured that we are working with you to maintain the safety of all our students at Darrick Wood School.

Kind regards

Mr M J Smith

Assistant Head Teacher