

16 June 2020

Dear *(student name)*

RE: Year 13 Update

I just wanted to take another opportunity to touch base and make sure all is well. I hope that you are still coping with this strange situation and are not too frustrated by the circumstances.

As yet we do not yet have any information about how A Level Results Day on **13 August** will operate, but will communicate the arrangements for the day as soon as we know. As usual I will be available on day and the following day to assist all students in securing their next steps.

If you haven't done so already, remember that you have until **6.00 pm on 18 June** to make your final decisions about firm and insurance offers. For interested students, clearing will open on the **6 July**. I do appreciate that for many of you the decision about whether or not to go to university this year is a big one and that you will be weighing up your options, such as deferring, declining offers with a view to applying next year, or taking up your place this autumn. Each decision will be a personal one, but make sure you communicate with your preferred university before you make any decision to find out how they intend to manage the situation. Whilst the initial start of the year may not be what you expected (what is these days), this may be short lived and there may be increased competition to start a course in September 2021, which you need to factor into your decision. Please feel free to drop me an email if you want me to give you a call to chat through your options.

In terms of apprenticeships there are still some available on the apprenticeship websites and through organisations, but there is a bit less certainty about the application for these in the current climate. Apprenticeships will be available, but possibly at a later date for application than usual. Do continue to search for them using the government matching service at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> and through contacting business directly with an up to date CV and letter of application. Keep checking your school email account as I have been sending out links to some apprenticeships whose availability I have been made aware of.

We have tried to arrange for an opportunity for you to still order a leaver's hoody should you want one. The attached PDF document shows the hoody design and the range of colours and sizes available. The cost may vary, depending on the number of students that order, one but will be either £21.99, or £18.99. If we can get over 50 ordered, it will be the lower price. Please email Miss Warcup by **4.00 pm on Monday**

22 June at the latest on pwarcup@driffield.e-riding.sch.uk to sign up for the hoody, stating the size and colour you wish to order. Once we have this information we will confirm the price and will set up ParentPay so that you can pay for your hoody. You will need to pay by **12.00 pm on Friday 26 June**. Once all payments have been made we will place the order and email you to let you know when the hoody has arrived in school for you to collect.

As a final message, please could I ask you keep all text books that you may have for your subjects safe and we will be in touch later to organise collection of them so that we can resource next year's Year 13 students.

Please continue to stay safe. Do not hesitate to email me with any questions, queries, or concerns you may have and I will do all I can to help.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Andrews', written in a cursive style.

Mr D Andrews
Head of Sixth Form