

Woodside High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: End of Term and INSET Day

It has been fantastic to welcome back all of our students for face to face learning at Woodside. We would like to thank you for all your support with providing consent for testing and ensuring that students arrive with masks every day.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the last of the spring term is **Wednesday 31**st **March 2021**. The school day will finish at 1:10pm.

The summer term will begin on **Monday 19th April 2021**. All students should attend in full school uniform by 8:40am. This has changed due to our need to move the staff training day which was set for this day.

As you may be aware from media coverage in recent weeks, cancellation of external exams for our Year 11 students this year means a very different process will be followed to award grades.

This requires a significant amount of work for teachers as we assess students against a national standard, then quality assure grades. This process will then be checked by exam boards to ensure it is rigorous and in line with national standards.

To enable us to plan effectively for this process, it has been necessary to move the INSET day previously planned for the first day following the Easter holidays to Friday 23rd April 2021. Students should not come to school on that day.

We hope that you understand the reason for this change from the originally published calendar. We will be contacting parents of Year 11 students regarding assessments soon. If you have any further questions on this topic please contact David Robson, Assistant Headteacher leading on assessment and exams.

Yours faithfully,

Lynne Hardcastle Interim Co-Headteachers and Tracey Rollings

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