

Date: 23rd June 2023

Dear parents and carers,

**Re: The end of Year 13 – congratulations and next steps**

I would like to start by congratulating our year 13 students on completing their A Level exams and reaching the end of Year 13. This is a momentous occasion, completing 14 years of formal education and now looking forward, with anticipation, to what lies ahead.

For this group of Y13 students, the exams have been particularly challenging; given the fact that Covid prevented them from sitting their GCSE exams, the students were entering into this period of exams with many uncertainties however, they have risen to the challenge, they have shown incredible strength and determination and we could not be prouder of them.

Each of you will now take up a new path, whether that is university, college, an apprenticeship or employment – a new adventure outside of SRS awaits. We hope that you are taking many fond memories of your time at Sydney Russell with you; you will always be a part of the fabric of our school, and I would very much like to see as many of you as possible supporting the school as Alumni in the years to come.

Alumni are former students who work with us to continually further improve and develop the experience our students have at school and the opportunities we can offer them. Through our alumni we have been able to offer work experience, visits, workshops, mentoring and exchanges. If you would like to be a part of this group, please contact [alumni@sydneyrussellschool.com](mailto:alumni@sydneyrussellschool.com)

My thanks to you, parents and carers, family and friends, for your unwavering support through the last seven years. If this is your youngest child leaving SRS, then a particular thanks for the many years of working with us and supporting us to best support your child. Please join us for school events when you can – details can always be found via our social media: @SydneyRussellSchool / sydneyrussellschool\_official

Please find below an outline of key dates for what happens next:

Date	Event	Contact
From today onwards	If a student has any queries or worries and needs to / would benefit from talking to a member of staff, we are here for them. Please ask them to contact the staff member directly or email us for their query to be directed to the most appropriate person.	<a href="mailto:office@sydneyrussellschool.com">office@sydneyrussellschool.com</a>

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Discover programme begins - students who have signed up for this programme will receive details via Teams/Edulink	Mr Dimakos <a href="mailto:adi@sydneyrussellschool.com">adi@sydneyrussellschool.com</a>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y13 Soirée Full details have been given to all those attending	Mrs Morton <a href="mailto:cmo@sydneyrussellschool.com">cmo@sydneyrussellschool.com</a>

From 26 <sup>th</sup> June – 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Return of school equipment – please ensure any textbooks or laptops are brought to the school reception area, labelled with your name so that your return can be recorded.	<a href="mailto:office@sydneyrussellschool.com">office@sydneyrussellschool.com</a>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	A Level results day – from 8.30am Students can arrive to collect their A Level results from 8.30am to 1pm. University and Careers advisors as well as our 16+ team will be available throughout the day to support students and parents with any queries.	<a href="mailto:exams@sydneyrussellschool.com">exams@sydneyrussellschool.com</a>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> August onwards	We will work with students to help them secure their destination.	<a href="mailto:office@sydneyrussellschool.com">office@sydneyrussellschool.com</a>

Once again, huge congratulations to you all and I look forward to seeing you on 17<sup>th</sup> August if not before.

Have a fantastic summer!

Yours faithfully,



Clare Cross

Principal