

16th June 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Re: The end of Year 11 – congratulations and next steps

I would like to start by congratulating our year 11 students on completing their GCSE exams and reaching the end of Year 11. I know some students have just one exam left on Monday – we wish you the very best of luck; you're nearly there!

For many, there will be a sense of the past five years having passed by in a flash. During those five years, we have had the privilege of seeing our Year 11 students grow, mature, discover themselves and discover what they love to learn so that today, they are leaving with dreams and aspirations, hopes and ambitions for what lies ahead.

They have shown tenacity and determination in the past year; they have not wanted anything to stop them from achieving their potential, and they have worked hard to ensure they made both personal and academic progress during this year, so that they were as ready as they could be for their exams and for the next stage in their journey in sixth form, college, training or employment.

My thanks to you, parents and carers, family and friends, for your unwavering support through the last five years. We have navigated the ups and downs, the highs and lows, but as the students leave school today after their celebration in the hall, with post-exam relief visible, we could all appreciate that the journey had achieved its aim.

We look forward to continuing our work with many of you over the next two years of sixth form, but 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 point for any queries
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.	office@sydneyrussellschool.com

Monday 26 th June	<p>Discover Programme begins - students who have signed up for this programme will receive information via Edulink.</p>	<p>Mr Dimakos adi@sydneyrussellschool.com</p> <p>Ms Stafford swa@sydneyrussellschool.com</p>
From 19 th June – 18 th July	<p>Return of school equipment – please ensure textbooks and/or laptops are brought to the school reception area, labelled with your name so that your return can be recorded.</p> <p>Parent Pay - Please ensure any dinner money/parent pay debt is paid. We would also gratefully welcome any donations of school blazers, any polo shirts, trousers or skirts as we set up a pre-loved uniform shop.</p>	
Friday 30 th June 2023	<p>Prom For those attending, please arrive promptly at 6:00pm – the evening will finish at 11:30pm.</p> <p>Venue: Stock brook Manor Country Club in Billericay, CM12 0SQ.</p> <p>Tickets: All tickets have now been allocated to students</p> <p>Safety: There will be security on the doors to keep everyone safe. Students will be searched and prohibited items will be confiscated.</p> <p>Meals: Soft drinks will be provided with your meal; however, students will need to bring money if they would like to buy soft drinks at the bar after dinner.</p>	
Thursday 24 th August	<p>GCSE results day – from 8.30am Students can arrive to collect their GCSE results from 8.30am to 2pm.</p> <p>16+ enrolment will run from 9am for SRS students. Parents are welcome to attend the enrolment meeting.</p> <p>External candidate enrolment will take place from 1–3pm.</p> <p>Please look out for communications and updates regarding enrolment and entrance exams via Admissions+ over the holidays. Careers advisors and our well-being team will be available throughout the day to support students and parents with any queries.</p>	<p>exams@sydneyrussellschool.com</p>
Tuesday 5 th September	<p>SRS 16+ Year 12 induction begins (Right Start) normal school times, arrive by 8.35am in sixth form dress code.</p>	<p>office@sydneyrussellschool.com</p>

Once again, huge congratulations to you all and I look forward to seeing you on 24th August if not before.
Have a fantastic summer.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Clare Cross', written in a cursive style.

Clare Cross

Principal