



The South Wolds
Academy
and Sixth Form

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you are well at this time and are coping as best you can with the current context. This week has been a strange one for many reasons. Under normal circumstances we would have started the GCSE and GCE examination series in earnest this week, and today we would have officially celebrated with our Year 13s, bidding them a fond farewell after seven years in our care. I wanted to take a moment to thank all of the staff who have been involved in every part of our students' journeys and to extend my thanks on behalf of us all to you as a parent /carer for your support over this time as well. The best experiences are always as a result of a team effort.

As one year group leaves us, we get ready to welcome a new one: our Year 6 transition team has been working hard, looking at creative ways to continue the arrangements we have, in order to welcome our new year 7 students to South Wolds. Naturally we have had to make some adjustments but this important work continues nonetheless.

You may have seen this week the unfolding and ever-changing picture regarding the wider reopening of schools. South Wolds' staff have been working hard since March to provide remote learning and online teaching for all students and I thank them all for the ways in which they have had to adapt to this. Thank you also to all of you for your support and positivity for these endeavours. It has been delightful seeing some of the amazing work students have produced.

Currently, I am waiting for secondary guidance to be published by the government so that I can plan carefully with staff and governors to ensure next steps have the safety of everyone at the forefront. Until then, online learning and support remains at the centre of our work with all of our students and of course our work with those children of critical workers continues. As soon as I have any further updates regarding this I will write to you again.

Yours sincerely

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