

Dear parents/carers,

July 15th 2021

As we end this extraordinary school year we wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support through everything coronavirus has thrown at us. The students, and staff, have shown great resilience in the face of the challenges, and we feel incredibly proud to lead such a strong community.

Despite the pandemic, we have ended the year on a high. Over the past few weeks students have had several opportunities to take part in wider school life such as cultural appreciation week and a dedicated sports week to name just a few opportunities that Rockwood Academy brings.

The end of term for all students is **Wednesday 21st July**. The school will be closed to students from the following times:

- Year 7: Dismissal Time: 12:45
- Year 8: Dismissal Time: 12:30
- Year 9: Dismissal Time: 12:30
- Year 10 Dismissal Time: 12:45

We will be operating a “grab and go” style lunch on this day. If students require lunch they will be asked to inform their relevant year group co-ordinator. Lunch will then be made available at the front of school as students leave the building.

The Government’s recent announcements mean we look ahead to September with optimism for a less disrupted year. Later this summer, requirements to isolate when identified as a ‘contact’ of a positive case will end for under-18 year olds, along with the current bubble structure and social distancing in schools. Students are still encouraged to test themselves for COVID-19 and to record the results in the usual way. Our priority remains the welfare of all students and staff; we will continue to keep a close eye on the guidance over the summer and communicate any changes to our plans, should they be necessary.

Before then, students in year 11 and their parents/carers are welcome to come into school to collect their GCSE results on **Thursday 12 August** from 10am. Staff and senior leaders will be on hand to give students the advice and support as they take their next step. If you are unable to come into school, please contact the school reception for further details on how to obtain these results. Our arrangements for the start of term 2021-22 will be communicated before the end of term.

All that remains is to wish you and your family an enjoyable summer break; we look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours Sincerely,



David Cooke – Acting Headteacher.