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Dear Parents/Carers

RE Year 11 Celebration Evening 11th May 2023

It is with great disappointment that I inform you that I am postponing the Year 11 Celebration due to a large number of Year 11 Students disrespecting our ethos by congregating in Wimbledon Park leaving rubbish strewn across the grass. Evidence of empty bottles of alcohol were also left.

Students were instructed, as per school policy, to go straight home from school following a Year Mass, shirt signing, refreshments and a celebration. Whilst the majority of students showed respect and understood the reason for this School Policy, a large number of students chose to go straight to Wimbledon Park. The school received complaints from members of the public and the Local Authority Parks department. This was unacceptable and showed disrespect for the school and staff, consequently bringing the school into disrepute in our community.

This is not a decision I have taken lightly; we have spent this afternoon liaising, communicating, apologising, ensuring the safety of students which was time set aside to prepare for tomorrow's event. I recognise this will be disappointing news for families as it is for us. I would like to thank those students who did show dignity and respect and acknowledge this.

I hope to celebrate with Year 11 in time, on condition the year group throughout the examination season show respect to:

- Themselves
- Their Wellbeing
- Their School

I wish every Year 11 well in their upcoming examinations and I look forward to seeing parents/carers and Year 11 on Thursday 29th June 2023 should the conditions outlined above be maintained.

Yours sincerely

Ms Julia Waters
Headteacher

