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Dear parents/guardians

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know how proud I am of our year group. Every learner in Year 11 is working extremely hard; showing dedication and commitment to his or her own individual studies. Their resilience is outstanding, whenever there is a new challenge ahead, they really do try their best and their determination is outstanding. I wanted to thank you personally for your continued support throughout these unprecedented times and together with every Year 11 pupil we will ensure that their pathway to their next journey will be a smooth transition from Newbridge School; whether that be further Key Stage 5 studies, apprenticeships or obtaining their first employment. Mrs Blewitt our Career's advisor is only an email away; please ask her for any support or guidance, she has a wealth of knowledge and will happily support our Year 11 learners. Her email address is careers@newbridgeschool.info

Leaver's Hoodies

I have been liaising with the company we purchase these hoodies from and we have secured the same price as last year. There are two prices for the hoodies:

With nickname down the arm – £26

Without nickname - £24

I will be starting to collate orders this week. I am mindful that current times may be difficult so if you wish to purchase a hoodie, please could you pay a £2 deposit via parent pay by the 6th May 2021. The remaining balance will then need to be paid in full by the end of June 2021.

Friendship Photographs – Friday 28th May 2021 3-5pm

I have managed to secure our photographer for our Year 11 photographs. They plan to take individual Year 11 photos, a whole Year 11 group photo and of course the pupil's favourite – friendship photos. Just like previous years, you can decide on whether you wish to purchase the photographs after you have received the draft copy. However, five pounds will need to be paid on the day for each friendship photo they have.

If there is any problem with your child getting home after this time please let me know at fitzgak@newbridgeschool.info

Year Book

I have planned to be as creative as I can in making our own electronic yearbook in the form of a video. Pupils will be able to receive this free of charge and they have the option of recording a small video individually or with their friends. I will then ask key members of our Year 11 team to record a small part too. During registration, pupils will be recorded during form time as a tutor group. If you do not wish for your child to participate in this, please email me at fitzgak@newbridgeschool.info

Prom 2021

I know that a few pupils have started to ask about whether or not prom is going to go ahead this year. Unfortunately, I have taken the decision to cancel our school prom simply because I cannot guarantee that it will go ahead as planned. Currently the "road map" for coming out of lockdown in England states that this kind of gathering will not be look at until 21st June 2021. This is only two weeks before our actual date with the Parkway Hotel; they cannot provide me with any other additional information either. As you are aware Wales follow their own plan on the dates that venues can open and again there is no information that can offer me any other guidance. There may be certain criteria and limitations to numbers that would be difficult to meet; from the number of staff that would be allowed to supervise the pupils, to the actual number of pupils that would be allowed to attend the event.

I know it has been difficult with the recent restrictions of the closure of non-essential retail, with these only being open last week. There are many other factors that I need to consider, specifically the financial burden this may have on our families. I truly am so disappointed that this celebration has to be cancelled and I can ensure you I have not cancelled this lightly.

Again, can I take this opportunity for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Fitzgerald". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Amelia Fitzgerald
Year 11 Progress Leader.