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MRS J MOHAMED  
Head Teacher

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Our Ref: JMH-JRI 180416  
Your Ref:

Dear Parent/Guardian,

## S6 School Leaver Arrangements

I am writing to confirm the arrangements for your child's final few weeks at Oldmachar Academy.

We hope that you are able to join us at the Leavers' Ceremony which takes place on **Friday 29 April at 11.30am**. If your child has a timetabled class for periods 1 and 2 on Friday, they should attend this class as normal. If your child does not have a class, they should not arrive in school before 11.00am. At 11.00am, all S6 pupils should assemble in the following rooms with their Guidance teacher:

**Auchindoun - C5**

**Crathes - D14**

**Esslemont - D13**

**Fyvie - C8**

Parents should arrive between 11.15am and 11.30am and proceed to the Common Room. There will then follow a short ceremony and a leaving activity planned by S6 pupils. There will be tea, coffee and light refreshments for pupils and their parents. At the end of the event, pupils should leave school with their parents as they will not be in classes in the afternoon.

SQA study leave runs from Wednesday 4 May (school is closed on Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 May) until Friday 3 June. During this time, pupils may wish to liaise with their teachers and this should be done by prior arrangement so as to ensure teacher availability.

At the end of the SQA diet, there will be three days on which pupils can come into school to collect and complete their leavers form. These dates are: Wednesday 8 June, Thursday 9 June and Friday 10 June. If anyone is unable to come in on one of these days, they should make contact with Mrs Williamson, Depute Head Teacher.

This year, the majority of S6 have contributed much to the overall ethos of the school and I am proud of the good example they have set for our younger pupils. They have shown they are responsible and independent citizens by their excellent charity work, production of a Yearbook, organising the Prom, and acting as hosts and ambassadors for the school.

All the staff at Oldmachar Academy strive to foster a close and supportive relationship with our S6 pupils, both academically and through extra-curricular events. Despite this, we have, in the past, been let down by the behaviour of some S6 pupils on their last day and find ourselves having to apologise to our neighbours for unacceptable disruption.

I am sure you will agree this is not something that educated young adults should be participating in and this point has been stressed to our current S6 pupils in assemblies. We want to have an enjoyable and stress-free celebration of their time at Oldmachar Academy and to this end, no S6 pupil will be allowed to attend the Leavers' Ceremony if they are involved in any misbehaviour or disturbance in or around the school or community. I would be extremely grateful if you could reinforce this point to your son/daughter.

On a more positive note, I trust that the final run up to the examinations will be productive for all pupils and that they feel confident in their ability to meet the challenges that lie ahead. My usual mantra at this time of year is that it's never too late to make a difference.

In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the school and to wish your son/daughter well in their examinations and for every success in the future.

Yours faithfully

**Judith Mohamed**  
Head Teacher