



18 September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

What another busy and productive week it has been for Year 11! I have continued to be incredibly impressed by the way students have returned to school with such a positive attitude and real determination to make the most of their final year. There is lots to look forward to, but also lots of work to do — and the habits we establish now will make a huge difference as we move towards those GCSE exams.

Our attendance this week is **94%**. This isn't terrible, but it isn't quite where I want us to be either!

As Year 11, we need to set the standard for the rest of the school. We need to be in school every day, ready to learn and making the most of every opportunity available to us.

The reality is simple: if you're not here, you're not learning. We can't support you, intervene, re-teach, or help you to make progress if you're not in school.

This also means being on time. The school day starts from the moment students arrive, and missing those first few minutes can mean missing important instructions, explanations, or learning.

Please encourage your young person to start building those positive habits now; being present, being punctual and being prepared.

How can we help you if you're not here? Every day counts. Let's get that attendance moving in the right direction!

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Year 11 Parents' Information Evening. It was genuinely lovely to see so many of you there, and the amazing turnout really reflects the support and commitment that our Year 11 students have around them.

There were lots of important information shared about the year ahead, and I hope the evening gave you a clear picture of what we can all do to support students through this crucial year.

The presentation slides will be sent out shortly for anyone who would like to revisit the information or who was unable to attend.



Our first Year 11 Prom Committee meeting will take place on Monday 28 September.

Please encourage your young person to sign up if they are interested in helping to organise what we hope will be **the best MECE Prom yet!** 🎉

And a little plea to parents/carers: if you know of any local companies or businesses that might be willing to offer their services at a reduced rate for our Prom, I would love to hear from you!

We are particularly interested in things such as:

- 📷 Photo booths
- 🍭 Sweet carts
- 🎪 Candy floss stands
- 🎉 Any other fun Prom extras!

If you have any contacts or recommendations, please do get in touch. Every bit of support could help us make the evening even more special for our students.

I also want to give a huge shout-out to the students who have been attending our Maths and English intervention sessions.

I have been so impressed by the attendance at these sessions. Students have been giving up their time to come along, engage with the additional support, and put in the extra work and that is exactly the attitude we need in Year 11.

A special shout-out from Miss Basson goes to:

- ★ Olivia
- ★ Poppy M
- ★ Poppy E
- ★ Zemirah
- ★ Noah
- ★ Alfie T

Well done! Your commitment has absolutely not gone unnoticed.

These sessions are there to help students feel more confident, close gaps and prepare effectively for their GCSEs. *Please keep attending and making the most of them.*

And finally... **139 school days to go!**

That might sound like a long time, but those days will fly by. Every lesson, every intervention, every piece of revision and every positive choice adds up.

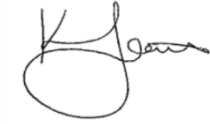
Remember our Year 11 mantra:



"It's not good luck, it's good preparation."

Let's keep showing up, keep working hard and keep building those positive habits. We have got this.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



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