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Dear Parents/Carers,

Another fantastic week for Year 11, and I am continuing to be so impressed by the way students are getting involved, taking opportunities and beginning to show the commitment that this important year requires.

There is lots happening across the year group at the moment, and it is brilliant to see students balancing their academic work with opportunities to get involved in wider school life.

Year 11 Attendance This Week: **94%** - *Pretty good... but let's get it to 96% next week!*

A huge well done to our Year 11 Geographers who headed out on their Geography field trip this today.

Fieldwork is such an important part of the Geography course, and it was fantastic to see students representing the school and putting their classroom learning into practice. I hope they enjoyed the experience and came back with plenty of useful knowledge to support them in their GCSEs.

Our show rehearsals have officially begun, and they are already in full swing!

It is wonderful to see so many of our Year 11 students getting involved and throwing themselves into rehearsals alongside everything else they have going on. I cannot wait to see how the show develops over the coming weeks and, of course, to see our Year 11 students take to the stage!

Our after-school intervention programme continues to go from strength to strength.

Students have been attending Maths, English, and Science intervention with fantastic commitment, and I am really pleased to see so many of them taking advantage of the additional support available.

This week also saw the launch of targeted intervention during tutor time, with selected students beginning their sessions on Thursday. These opportunities are designed to give students focused support in the areas where it can make the biggest difference.

Year 11 — ***please keep showing up and making the most of these opportunities.*** The extra effort you put in now will pay dividends later.



And finally... the countdown to Prom has officially started!

Our first Year 11 Prom fundraising event took place on Thursday lunchtime, with students selling sweets and we **sold out within TEN MINUTES!** 🎉

What a fantastic response!

We will be continuing to sell sweets *every Thursday lunchtime throughout October*, so make sure you bring your money and get involved. Starting our fundraising early means we can hopefully build an even bigger fund and make sure that we have the **best Prom yet!**

A reminder to parents/carers: if you have any contacts with local businesses or companies who may be able to offer their services at a reduced rate or support us with Prom, please do get in touch.

We are particularly looking for contacts for things such as:

- 📷 Photo booths
- 🎡 Sweet carts
- 🍭 Candy floss stands
- 🎪 Other fun entertainment or Prom extras

Every bit of support could help us make the evening even more special for our students.

125 school days to go...

That is all that stands between Year 11 and their first GCSE examination.

It might still feel like May is a long way away, but every school day between now and then matters. The habits students build now; attending school, arriving on time, engaging in lessons, attending intervention, asking for help and putting in the extra effort, are what will ultimately make the difference.

You don't need to be perfect. You just need to keep making progress.

Keep showing up. Keep pushing yourself. Keep going.

And remember:

Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.

Let's keep the momentum going, Year 11.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



Kind regards,



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