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Dear Parents/Carers,

Another week has flown by, and we are continuing to build momentum in Year 11! With the GCSEs getting closer, it is important that students keep making the most of every lesson, every intervention session, and every opportunity to strengthen their knowledge.

I know there is a lot to juggle in Year 11, but the small, consistent efforts students make now will have a real impact on their confidence and progress as we move towards the exams.

📊 **Attendance This Week - 92%** - Come on Year 11!! We can do better than this for sure!

It has been brilliant to see so many students attending our after-school intervention sessions. I am really pleased with the commitment students are showing and their willingness to give up additional time to improve their understanding and prepare for their GCSEs.

These sessions are a valuable opportunity to revisit challenging topics, practise exam questions and get support from subject specialists.

Please encourage your young person to keep attending and to approach every session with focus and a positive attitude. Remember, intervention is an opportunity to make progress, and students need to make the most of the support available.

Alongside this, revision at home remains essential. Little and often is a great place to start, so encourage students to revisit their notes, test their knowledge, and practise exam-style questions regularly. We want revision to become a habit now, rather than a panic in the weeks before the exams!

As part of their Personal Development curriculum, students took part in *sex education today.*

These sessions form an important part of helping young people develop the knowledge and understanding they need to make informed, safe, and responsible decisions as they grow up. They also provide opportunities to explore relationships, respect, consent, and personal wellbeing in an age-appropriate setting.

Year 11 Mock Interviews are taking place next week! This is a great opportunity for students to experience a real interview and receive feedback that will help them ahead of college/sixth form interviews!

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The Oratory School will be holding a 6th Form Options Evening on Thursday 5 November. Please see the flyer below:



Our final ***Prom fundraising sale for October*** is taking place next Thursday lunchtime!

The response to our previous sales has been fantastic, and we are so grateful to everyone who has supported us so far. We are starting our fundraising early because we want to give Year 11 the best possible Prom to celebrate the end of their GCSE journey.

We would particularly appreciate **donations of sweets** from parents and carers to help us keep the fundraising going. Please ensure that all donated sweets are vegan and halal, so that they are suitable for all our students.

We are also continuing to welcome support with Prom supplies and potential donations. If you have any contacts who may be able to help us secure items or services at a reduced rate, please do get in touch. We are particularly interested in **photo booths, sweet carts, LED Prom lighting** and other exciting extras that could make the evening special.

Every donation, contact and contribution helps us get closer to making this the best Prom yet! 🎉

The first of our **Prom Dress & Suit Sale** takes place on **Saturday**. MECE students have priority access and exclusive entry from **1.00pm**, one hour ahead of general public access. Full details are on the flyer below. It would be great to see as many students as possible making use of this opportunity!!



115 school days until the first GCSE exam!

It may still feel as though May is a long way away, but the countdown is well and truly on. The time will pass quickly, and the habits students establish now will make a real difference when they walk into that first exam.

Year 11, remember that you do not need to make huge leaps every single day. You need to keep taking small steps in the right direction.

Attend school. Be punctual. Engage in lessons. Attend intervention. Revise at home. Ask for help when you need it.

Your effort today is an investment in your future.

Let's keep working hard, supporting one another, and making every school day count!

Remember, it's not good luck, it's good preparation!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



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