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Re. Year 11 Welcome

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to wish a warm welcome back to all Year 11 students. I cannot believe that we are here in the final year of compulsory secondary education for our students.

We seem to have arrived at this point in the blinking of an eye and, along the way, it has been challenging; however, our young people have shown incredible resilience and positivity in taking on each challenge they face.

The students settled beautifully into Key Stage 4 last year, including preparing for their RE GCSE, adapting to the increased demands of the wider curriculum and really committing to the revision and consolidation-based study sessions as part of the tutor programme. The fruits of this energy and enthusiasm are evident in the outcome of the RE GCSE with both full and short course students outperforming previous cohorts by a considerable margin.

This is hugely positive news and provides a strong foundation from which we can attack Year 11 with real positivity and confidence.

A large amount of students will have achieved grades that they should rightly feel proud of. Equally, there may be some that were disappointed. Either way, there are positives to be taken from this experience. Those that did not achieve a grade that they may have been aspiring to will have a year to build on this experience, adapt their approach and mature further before sitting the remainder of their exams. It is really important that we foster any disappointment and use it to make ourselves better going forwards.

Year 11 is an exceptionally busy year which seems to pass by so much quicker than other school years with a large number of events in addition to some of these important dates, listed below:

- Maths mock exams 10th and 11th September
- Pre Public Examinations 18th - 29th November
- PPE Results Evening 9th January
- First public exam week commencing 5th May
- Proposed final day Year 11 23rd May.



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In order for students to be fully prepared and up to speed with all events it is vital that they are in tutor time on time each morning and/or in assembly at 8.40. In addition to providing vital information and updates, these tutor sessions will take the shape of study sessions that will support revision and consolidation of knowledge across the range of subjects each child studies.

We always look forward to celebrating our students' success and it is something that we, as a year group, have made sure we have done as routinely as possible in years 8, 9 and 10. The end of Year 11 will be marked with the traditional Year 11 prom, plans for which are already well advanced. The date and venue for this will be confirmed and communicated with you in the spring term when the students receive their official invites.

Students will be invited to attend the Year 11 prom should we deem them to belong to 'TEAM 2025'. In order to do this, students must routinely show a set of characteristics which, firstly, they have chosen, and secondly, we feel gives them the best chance of developing into more complete human beings able to succeed in the wider world beyond secondary education. These characteristics are achievable for all students, regardless of background or academic ability and give everyone something that they can aspire to be.

- Be independent
- Be determined
- Be committed
- Be honest
- Be helpful
- Have integrity.

We will write to parents following the Pre Public Examination fortnight in November to provide an update on whether your child is likely to be invited or if they need to continue to be better in some areas prior to receiving an invite.

Whilst I understand that the Year 11 prom is a massive event and you and/or the students will wish to buy dresses/suits and secure bookings for some of the exciting transport options that exist, I would advise against doing this until they have received an invite in the spring term.

Finally, I want to say how excited I am for the year ahead and how proud the Year 11 team are of the students in this year group for their efforts in school and the way in which they are maturing and growing.



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I, and our team of fantastic Year 11 tutors, believe this is going to be a really positive year for our Year 11s and believe that, by this time next year, they will have very good reasons for be proud of themselves.

Yours faithfully,

Adam Tribbick



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