

12 September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted with the way Y11 students have returned to school. They have made a very positive start to their GCSE year and we are confident that they will maintain this throughout the year. In order to support them, we will be running several initiatives during the year as outlined in this letter.

Some students have been allocated a mentor and have already started having meetings to support them in keeping focused on their GCSEs. This will continue all year with other students invited to be involved as the year progresses.

This week, we have launched our 'Passport To Prom'. This is designed to allow students to demonstrate their commitment to their studies which will be rewarded not only with the results they deserve, but also with an invite to our Prom. The criteria are simple, but vital to make sure the students can make year 11 a successful year:

- ★ **Each half term, they must attend a minimum of 3 of the revision sessions offered in school** – Although we would encourage students to attend more, this is the minimum expectation.
- ★ **They need to have attendance of over 95%** - Numerous studies have shown that attendance at school directly correlates with exam success, so we want to make sure our students are making the most of every opportunity that is offered within school. Obviously, this criteria will be assessed sensibly and we will take into account individual circumstances and no student will be penalised unfairly.
- ★ **They must have good behaviour** - Being placed in seclusion more than once in a half term, will lead to failure to complete the passport and permission to the prom being denied.

We appreciate that you will want to help us encourage the students and therefore on **18 October** we will hold our **Revision Matters Evening**. At this event, we will discuss different revision strategies and provide other useful information about GCSEs and how you can support your child. This is a very useful evening and will support everyone to be 'exam ready'. We hope you will come along with your child.

Finally, I would like to share with you some important dates for the year:

- 26 to 28 September: Geography field trips
- 18 October: Revision Matters Evening
- 10 November: Form tutor evening
- 14 - 24 November: Year 11 mock exams (mocks 1 of 2)
- 13 December: Reports to parents

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- 12 January: Parents' Evening
- 27 February - 10 March: Year 11 mock exams (mocks 2 of 2)
- 27 March: Reports to parents
- 16 May: Reports to parents
- 22 May – 30 June: GCSE exam period
- June / July: Prom (date to be confirmed)

Year 11 is a very busy year. We understand the challenges ahead for your children and will be working hard to ensure they are well placed to achieve the best grades possible. We appreciate that it can be challenging for you as parents / carers as well; if you have any questions or would like to ask about something please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

I look forward to working with you this year and hope to see you on 18 October at our Revision Matters event.

Yours faithfully

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