

January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

We would request that all pupils in Year 11 and their parents attend the final information evening for their impending GCSE examinations which begin on May 9th 2024. The session will be from 5.30pm-6.30pm, Thursday January 18th in the South Hall. The gates will open from 5.00pm and the Year 11 team will be there to greet you. Free resources and revision materials will be made available for those in attendance. The presentation starts promptly at 5.30pm.

The evening will provide you with a timeline of events that will be occurring over the rest of the year and opportunities that continue to maximise their success. It will provide you with clear plans and study materials in your child's subject areas, as well as practical hints and tips of how to help them during the examination season. The evening will also discuss expectations for the end of year/ leavers and launch the school's Passport to Prom, and explain how this operates.

Please ensure you attend this evening with your child. We all want the absolute best for our Year 11 pupils, therefore:

We expect your child to engage fully during lessons and to complete all homework set to their very best standard. Pupils need to be thoroughly prepared, making best use of their time and all the resources and guidance provided by their subject teachers.

Intervention afterschool is a vital tool in supporting pupils. Pupils are best placed in school, with subject experts going through examination papers and key materials. This is often in small groups and may involve some tutoring. We are fortunate that many of our staff mark for the examination boards, so their expertise in examination craft is invaluable to our pupils. The school recognises the link between good revision routines, good attendance to interventions, and academic success.

A criteria for Passport to Prom is attendance to at least three interventions each week. It is so important that your child links success in their GCSEs to achieving their ambitions, so your support with this is much appreciated. Your child will be asked to work with their form tutor or mentor to identify a plan of study for intervention.

I am incredibly proud of Year 11, their maturity and approach to their studies. It is encouraging to see so many accessing the group study and silent study rooms at lunch and pupils staying afterschool with the Year 11 team to complete homework and examination revision as part of their independent study. I am confident that these good habits will lead to good outcomes and something we can all celebrate on examination results day.



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The Year 11 team will always make themselves available, so please do not hesitate to contact the school and make an appointment. I look forward to seeing you all next week.

If for any reason you and your child are unable to attend the information evening, please contact Miss Molineux so that we can make a record of your absence and organise a time that we can contact you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Dee Stanton
Vice Principal



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