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Dear Parent or Carer,

Re: Key events and information for Year 11 parents and students

I hope that your son or daughter is enjoying their first half-term. We are certainly delighted with the excellent start that our Year 11 students have made since returning in September. Of course, this is a very important year for your child and we will continue to support them fully as they progress towards their final examinations in the summer term. As part of this support, I thought it would be helpful to indicate the key dates in the school calendar, such as the windows for internal and external exams, as well as important times during the academic year when we provide information to you about your child's progress.

Overleaf is a summary of these key events and information. More detail will also follow throughout the year regarding individual events. As you will see, you will be regularly updated about your child's progress, with our Year 11 Parents' Evening, achievement summaries at the end of the autumn and spring terms, mock exam results and your child's annual school report. In addition, we will continue to give much advice and guidance throughout the year to support students fully as they prepare for their final GCSE exams.

Above all, your child will continue to receive excellent and ongoing pastoral care and support from our dedicated team of teachers and support staff. We are very mindful of the fact that preparing for GCSE exams can be a stressful period for students. Whilst we want students to work hard and achieve their academic potential, just as importantly, we also want to ensure that they feel happy and enjoy their time in Year 11.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Harper, the Head of Year 11.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Stanton
Assistant Headteacher

Date	Key events and information for Year 11
Monday 15 th October 2018	Year 11 Parents' Evening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents will receive information regarding the progress of their child from all of their son/daughter's subject teachers.
Week beginning Monday 22 th October 2018	Information and guidance regarding the upcoming Year 11 mocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be provided with guidance and revision materials from all of their subject teachers to help them prepare fully for their upcoming mock examinations (a timetable for these exams is enclosed).
Monday 19 th November to Tuesday 11 th December 2018	Year 11 Mock exams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will sit mock exams in all their subjects over this period. These mock exams will be timetabled across the school week. When not in exams, students will attend timetables lessons as normal
Wednesday 21 st November	Sixth Form Open Evening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and parents are invited to the school to find out about the wide range of academic and vocational courses that we offer post-16, as well as see our excellent Sixth Form facilities.
Thursday 13 th December	Parents' English, Maths and Science Information Evening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The heads of English, Maths and Science will inform parents how they can offer effective support to their child in preparation for the GCSE exams. Teachers from English, Maths and Science will be available to offer advice and guidance to parents about exam preparation
Week beginning Monday 17 th December 2018	Mock results and Achievement 1 summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mock results will be shared with students and sent home to parents.
Week beginning Monday 11 th February 2019	Information and guidance regarding the upcoming Year 11 mocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be provided with guidance and revision materials from all of their subject teachers to help them prepare fully for their upcoming mock examinations.
Monday 25 th February to Friday 15 th March 2019	Year 11 Mock exams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will sit mock exams in the majority of their subjects over this period. These mock exams will take place in lesson time to ensure there is no disruption to other lessons at this crucial time in the school year. Therefore, students will attend all lessons as normal.
Week beginning Monday 1 st April 2019	Mock results and Achievement 2 summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mock results will be shared with students and sent home to parents.
Week beginning Monday 20 th May 2019	Year 11 Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents will receive a written report from their son/daughter's Form Tutor outlining their child's accomplishments and achievements throughout the year.
Monday 13 th May to Thursday 20 th June 2019	Summer external examinations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The vast majority of the final Year 11 examinations will take place during this period (a final timetable for these external examinations will be distributed to parents and students before Christmas 2018). Please note, exam boards have designated Wednesday 26th June as 'Contingency Day' for GCSE Level exams in the event of any local or national disruption during June.
Friday 28 th June 2019	Year 11 Leavers' Liturgy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will attend their Year 11 Leavers' Liturgy in school.
Friday 28 th June 2019	Year 11 Prom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will attend their Year 11 Prom in the evening.
Thursday 22 nd August 2019	Results Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be able to collect their GCSE Level and vocational results in school.

*A very small number of examinations take place between Monday 1st April and Friday 17th May 2019. Those students affected will be notified in due course.