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Dear Parent or Carer,

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

I hope that your child is enjoying their first half term in Year 11. 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.

On the attached document, there is a summary of these key events and information. More details will 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 on 16th October, as well as achievement summaries at the end of the autumn term and spring term. 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 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 them to 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 Henzell, the Head of Year 11, in the first instance.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Stanton
Assistant Headteacher





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Key Dates and Information (Year 11)

2023-24

Date	Event
17 November to 30 November	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 timetabled lessons as normal.
23 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.
Week beginning 11 December	Achievement 1 Summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents will receive the usual termly summary of their child's progress across all subjects (Achievement 1 summary). This will be based on a combination of classwork, homework and assessments throughout the autumn term.
Week beginning 15 January	Mock Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents will receive a grade sheet indicating the results from mock exams in the autumn term.
26 February to 15 March	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 that there is no disruption to other lessons at this crucial period in the school year. Therefore, students will attend all lessons as normal.
Week beginning 25 March	Achievement 2 Summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents will receive the usual termly summary of their child's progress across all subjects (Achievement 2 summary). This will be based on a combination of classwork, homework and assessments throughout the spring term.
09 May to 19 June	GCSE 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 issued to parents and students in the spring term). Please note, exam boards have designated Wednesday 26th June as 'Contingency Day' for GCSE exams in the event of any local or national disruption during June.
21 June	Year 11 Leavers' Liturgy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will attend their Year 11 Leavers' Liturgy in school.
	Year 11 Prom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will attend their Year 11 Prom in the evening.
22 August	Results Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be able to collect their GCSE and vocational results in school.

Please note: A small number of GCSE exams will take place prior to Thursday 9th May, such as Modern Foreign Language speaking exams, as well as practical exams in Art and Drama. Those students affected will be notified at the appropriate time.

