



Wednesday 18th December 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to update you about the progress of Year 11 this term and to inform you about plans for next term.

Year 11s arrived in September with a positive and focused attitude to their studies. Since then they have been working hard in lessons, attending intervention sessions and completing their first set of mock exams. Staff have consistently commented on how well our current Year 11s have been working and conducting themselves around the school.

As parents and carers, you can continue to support your child's revision during the holidays. It is important to remain positive. Furthermore, families can help by maintaining a balance between well-being and keeping on top of the holiday homework/revision.

Students have been applying for college and sixth form places. We are looking forward to a large number of our current Year 11s returning to us in Year 12 for post-16 studies. Many students appreciate the fact that this will enable them to pursue a wide range of courses in a familiar environment with staff who know and care about them.

Our tutor time programme has reflected the needs of the Year Group. From 8:50-9:10am, Monday to Friday, we have been focusing on Maths revision, English revision, wellbeing activities and student-led activities about cultural diversity.

As this is the last year in the main school for our Year 11 students, we have been planning their leaving events. A varied group of students have been leading our Prom, Year Book, Leaver's Hoodies and Cultural Diversity Committees. The fundraising activities this term have so far included a bake sale, a film afternoon and our cultural diversity fashion show. The more money that we can raise through these activities then the lower the Prom ticket prices will be for our students. Year 11 Prefects, Year Council and Student Council representatives have also led wider initiatives to benefit the school, including the return of our Christmas Jumper day to raise money for charity. Furthermore, Year 11 prefects, along with Year 10, have organised a food bank for the whole school to contribute to.

Next term sees our Parents' Evening take place on January 22nd. Letters will go out to families during our first week back in 2020 so that you can start booking appointments with your child's subject teachers. This is an excellent opportunity to set realistic targets for the coming months, in consultation with your child and their teachers. January will also see the launch of more wellbeing activities including yoga and martial arts classes to help our students manage their stress levels.

The second set of Year 11 mock exams will run from Monday 24th February 2020 to Friday 6th March 2020. This is a slight change from the advertised dates in the calendar. We have made this change in order to allow



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more time for teaching between the Mock Exams in November and this second set of mocks. Maths, English and Science mock exams will take place in the Sports Hall and all other subjects will take place in classrooms. This will mean that the third set of Year 11 reports will be issued after March 18th 2020.

In 2020, we will continue our fundraising events, order Year Books and Leavers' Hoodies as well as finalise plans for the Leavers' Assembly and Prom.

Thank you for your ongoing support with uniform, attendance and punctuality this term. Please feel free to contact us or any of the Year 11 tutors if you have comments or questions.

We hope that you enjoy the festive break and we wish you all the best for 2020.

Yours Faithfully,

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