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Dear Parents/Carers

### Welcome to Year 11

I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer break and that your child is returning to school rested and ready to begin Year 11. This will be a busy year and students need to start with a positive approach to the challenges ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you information that will help you and your child navigate the coming academic year. In this first half term there are 2 key dates for your attention. The first important date for your diary is the Support and Succeed evening organised by Mrs Howard, Director for Learning Key Stage 3 & 4, this takes place on **17th September** from 5.30pm to 7pm. This evening provides you with an overview of revision strategies that your child can use throughout Year 11 for assessments and ensure that these are secure for their summer GCSE exams.

The second is work experience, which begins on **Monday 20th October**. If your child does not yet have a placement it is imperative that this is organised and confirmed within the next 2 weeks. Work experience provides your child with an opportunity to gain understanding of the world of work. Their placement does not need to link to any future careers, as this can make it very challenging to secure. I can not stress enough the importance of asking friends and family if they can help or reaching out to your child's old primary school and local businesses, for example the local pharmacy, as these are often able to accommodate work experience students. Details should be logged on unifrog, the application that your child has details about. If for any reason they have problems with this, they should contact Mrs Caley-Gardiner via email.

The second half of the autumn term is all about Sixth Form applications and there is an open evening on **11th November**, which explains the IB in more detail to you, as well as provides in depth subject information so that your child can make an informed decision about their IB application. There will of course be plenty of support provided in school during tutor sessions during this time. Year 11 reports are issued on the **14th November**, and are followed up with year 11 pupil progress evening on the **18th November**. During subject teacher meetings you will be provided with information and revision tips for the Year 11 mock exams that begin on **Monday 5th January 2026**. This means that students should begin their revision for these examinations at the beginning of December to allow them some time off over the Christmas break.

During the spring term the focus is about completing lessons and coursework in subjects where this is a part of the subject specification. I would also strongly encourage students to take advantage of the intervention sessions that run, as this is a golden opportunity for them to receive support in the final full term before their GCSE exams. Subject intervention is available to students and begins this term, on **Monday 8th September** please see the timetable below:

Autumn term 1 Intervention					
	Monday	Tues	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>AM: before school</b>				PE: targeted students working with sports prefects until December. Reviewing after mocks. Focus on AO2/3 questions in S4	
<b>Lunch slot</b>	Business Studies by invitation (compulsory) although others are welcome to join.				History by invitation (compulsory) in J23 although others are welcome to join the sessions
<b>Subject 1</b>	MFL: Dept. intervention (by invitation) starts in Spring. Teachers may provide other intervention for their classes before.		Latin: by invitation, after school in M2. Starting with vocab acquisition; moving on to translation technique.	Science: Invited students only in M15. Lead by HoD, subject leaders and science prefects	Maths: invited students only, G13, intervention run by MPM
<b>Subject 2</b>	Geography: invited students. M18		Computer Science : Coding Clinic sessions, to provide structured scaffolding for Paper 2 coding exam	Ancient History: by invitation. After school in M1. Focus on content acquisition and exam technique. First sessions focus on Pericles.	
<b>Subject 3</b>	Maths clinic open to all, G13 run by MPM		English - Group of 16 invited to J8 after school until 4. Focus on Language GCSE. DJG	Psychology: Y12 and 13 subject prefects will hold sessions with students (by invitation only) - in small groups or one to one; date/times may vary depending on students' availability.	
<b>Subject 4</b>	Design Technology, after school. Invited students, but others (in DT) welcome to use the computers & work independently. J2 with TMP / KAS				

The GCSE exams begin on the **7th May 2026** and the examination timetable is already available on our website, so please do reference this for more information.

To celebrate the end of KS4 and GCSE summer exams the final date for your calendar is **Thursday 18th June 2026**, this is our Boat Prom party night and there will be more information later in the year about this. Ms Soyinka will be working with Year 11 students who would like to help organise the year book and leavers hoodies.

While the focus of Year 11 is very much about the academic progress of your child and their success in the summer GCSE examinations, myself and the Year 11 team continue to be dedicated to their wellbeing and wider development as a young person. This year can be stressful and some students can feel overwhelmed at times, this is a natural part of being in Year 11. However, we do have a lot of support here in school to ensure that students are able to cope and find solutions if they are struggling. If you have any concerns about your child please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor or myself.

I look forward to continuing working with your child to secure their future GCSE success in the summer 2026.

Kind regards

**Mrs Belton Owen**  
**Director of Studies, Year 11**

The following table is a list of all the exam boards, specification numbers for all the GCSE course

<b>AQA</b>		<b>Edexcel</b>	
ART	8202	Computer Science	1CP2
Business	8132	History	1H10
Drama	8261	Mathematics	1MA1
Food	8585	Japanese	1JAO
English Language	8700	Russian	1RUO
English Literature	8702	Spanish	1SP1
Geography	8035	German	1GN1
DT	8552	French	1FR1
Psychology	8182	Italian	1INO
Physical Education	8582	Chinese	1CNO
Religious Studies	8062	Music	1MUO
<b>OCR</b>		<b>WJEC</b>	
Ancient History	J198	Latin	C990PB
Economics	J205		
Biology	J247		
Chemistry	J248		
Physics	J249		