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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 it is important that students begin Year 11 with a positive and purposeful approach to the challenges ahead. It was lovely to see so many of you at the 'Support and Succeed' evening this week. We hope you found the evening useful and informative, and that it provided some practical guidance on how best to support your child throughout Year 11. If you were not able to attend, the slides will be available on the school website [here](#).

A key date for the diary will be Work Experience Week which will run from Monday 19th - Thursday 22nd October (inclusive). If your child does not yet have a placement, it is imperative that this is organised and confirmed within the next 2 weeks. Their placement does not need to link to any future careers, as this can make it very challenging to secure. Please consider asking friends and family if they can help, as well as contacting your child's former primary school or local businesses, such as pharmacies, which are often able to accommodate work experience students. Once secured, details of the employer should be logged on the Unifrog platform - instructions can be found in the Yr 11 'Work Experience' Google Classroom. If for any reason your child has problems with this step, 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 **10th November**. During this evening event, there will be talks on life in the BGS Sixth Form, details of our A Level curriculum and departmental staff on hand to answer questions to help your child make informed decisions about their subject choices. Sixth form will also be the focus of PSHCE next half term. Year 11 reports are issued on the **13th November**, and are followed up with Year 11 Progress Review Evening on the **17th November**. During subject teacher meetings you will be provided with information and revision tips for the Year 11 mock exams that begin on **Monday 4th January 2027**.

A number of different departmental interventions will be available throughout the year. I have attached the timetable below.

Year 11 Intervention					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM: before school			Start in January GCSE PE in M3 Theory focus		
Lunch slot				Business Studies booster sessions - open to all for revision with some required to attend for intervention.	
Subject 1	MFL: Dept. intervention (by invitation) starts in Spring. Teachers may provide other intervention for their classes before.	Art/Textiles, open to all H8 after school.	English - Group of 20 invited to J8 after school until 4. Focus on Language GCSE. DJG NB Starts after October half term	Science Clinic: Invited students only in H15 & H17. Lead by LJG, MGN, DJW and science prefects Science Boosters: Invited students only in M5/M6 lead by MEM, AEB, RHW	NEA catch up ANC for DT and FP and N J2 For all students who have fallen behind
Subject 2	Maths clinic open to all, G13 run by MPM		Latin: compulsory for some, but open invitation. Starting with Literature strategies this week (16/9). Run by TMR in M3	Ancient History: invite only, starting Oct 1st, run by ARM in M1.	
Subject 3	Geography clinic, by invitation. Starting on Monday 28th September running every week. M19		History, targeted initially and then open to more students.		
Subject 4	Music - Composition clinic. Already stated and mostly in place to enable students to complete their hour of homework under controlled conditions. Only students who are falling behind are required to attend; parents are informed when this occurs.	Music - Composition clinic. See previous comment.			

The real GCSE exams begin on the **10th May 2027**. The exam timetable has been published and can be found on the school website [here](#).

To celebrate the end of KS4 and GCSE exams, we will be having our traditional Year 11 Boat Party on **Thursday 24th June 2027 from 19:00 to 23:00**. Further information about the event and arrangements will be shared later in the year.

There have been a few changes to the Year 11 pastoral team this year. We are pleased to welcome Mr Diebel as our new Senior Academic Mentor, who will be working closely with me and the tutor team to support the cohort throughout their final year. We also welcome Mr Booth who has taken over the care of 10LGD. They are now known as 11IAB.

While the focus of Year 11 is very much on your child's academic progress and success in their summer GCSE examinations, the Year 11 team and I remain equally committed to supporting their wellbeing and wider development as young people. Year 11 can be a challenging and demanding year, and there may be times when students feel overwhelmed by the pressures they are facing. We have a range of support available in school to help students manage these challenges, develop strategies and find solutions when they are struggling. If you have any concerns about your child at any point during the year, please do not hesitate to contact their tutor or me.

I look forward to continuing working with your child to secure their future GCSE success in the summer 2027.

Kind regards

Mrs Boulden
Director of Studies, Year 11

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

AQA		Edexcel	
ART	8202	Computer Science	1CP2
Business	8132	History	1H10
Drama	8261	Mathematics	1MA1
Food	8585	Japanese	1JAO
English Language	8700	Russian	1RU0
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	1MU0
OCR		WJEC	
Ancient History	J198	Latin	C990PB
Economics	J205		
Biology	J247		
Chemistry	J248		
Physics	J249		