



22 July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of another academic school year, I thought it would be pertinent to make sure we acknowledge the progress that Year 10 have made both academically and pastorally this year. A little over a year has passed since I became their Achievement Leader, yet so much has changed. They have started to study their chosen options, sat their first set of mocks, and completed their final sports day and superstars day.

Mock Examinations and Reports

As you are aware, the year group has recently undergone their first set of formal examinations. I was particularly impressed with their attitude in terms of making sure they understood the logistics of the exam period and knowing where they needed to be. It was a challenging two weeks and we will work with our students to make sure they are even better prepared for the next mock exam period.

On Monday your child was issued with their end of year 11 report, which includes their recent mock results, end of Year 11 predicted results, attitude towards learning feedback, and a form tutor comment reflecting on the academic year. Reference to your child's targets are also made; a set of targets which they have held over the last 4 years. Please note that at the start of Year 11 your son or daughter's targets will be reviewed and updated to ensure that they reflect an optimistic, yet realistic challenge and provide a clear benchmark. These reviewed targets will be shared week commencing 22 September 2025, and will support you and your child in identifying key subjects of focus for the year to come, as well as linking well with our early focus on post-16 destinations.

The Academic Year Ahead

I would also like to bring your attention to two key events that are taking place in the Autumn term of Year 11. On Monday 29 September 2025 we will have an education evening where you will be invited into school to go through how you can support your young person throughout Year 11. There will also be a parents' evening prior to Christmas which is a perfect time to review the November mocks and discuss plans moving forward. I will also be sending out a short video at the start of the year to give a brief outline of the year ahead alongside what we expect from staff, students and parents to assure positive outcomes are achieved next year.

Summer Consolidation

Normally in my end of year communication, I would encourage our students to completely switch off and relax, in preparation for the next academic year. However, going into their final GCSE year, it would be beneficial for students to keep a level of study throughout the summer holidays. During days when they have free time, it would be useful for them to look back over their work or attempt some past paper questions as, when we return in September, students need to be prepared for an intensity of learning.

As we move into year 11, it goes without saying how important this next academic year will be for your child's future. The effort and commitment they show from the outset in September will have a huge impact on their final results and the post-16 opportunities that follow. We know this can feel like a big challenge, but your support at home, combined with our guidance in school, will make all the difference. By working together, we can ensure your child feels confident, motivated, and fully prepared for the year ahead.

Wishing you all a fantastic summer.

Yours sincerely

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