



Friday 4 September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is a real pleasure to welcome our Year 11 students back to school, and I am very pleased to be supporting them through what will be the most important and memorable final year of their GCSE journey.

The students have made an excellent start to the academic year. Their attitude, presentation and conduct have been extremely positive, and it has been fantastic to see them returning with such a purposeful approach. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that high standards of uniform, attendance and punctuality are maintained. These simple but important routines will play a significant part in helping students make the most of their final year.

Our first Year 11 assembly, led by Mr Lowdell, focused on the importance of becoming the very best version of ourselves. It was also an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the excellent achievements of last year's students, particularly their GCSE Religious Education results. We are extremely proud of what they accomplished.

GCSE RE Results (2026):

Grades 1-9: 99%

Grades 4-9: 86%

Grades 5-9: 76%

Grades 7-9: 43%

These results are a fantastic reflection of the hard work, resilience and commitment shown by our students. We are now looking forward to seeing our current Year 11 group build on this success and achieve their own personal best.

Learning Journeys

Curriculum information for each subject, including the topics and content students will study throughout the year, can be found on the school website under the Learn and Curriculum section: Learning Journeys. [Learning Journeys](#)

PSHE and Careers Education

Throughout Year 11, students will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding through our PSHE programme. Topics will include Health & Wellbeing, with a focus on independence and staying safe; Living in the Wider World, including financial capability; and Relationships.

The overarching theme for Year 11 is Making it Happen, encouraging students to take ownership of their choices, their future and the opportunities available to them.

Careers education will also be an important part of the year. Students will explore:

- The importance of researching different careers and post-16 pathways, including understanding the qualifications and grades required.
- How to prepare for and participate successfully in interviews, as well as how to respond positively to feedback.

- The range of options available after Year 11 and the different career opportunities these pathways can lead to.
- Students will benefit from a range of careers-related experiences, including:
- Mock interviews
- Careers learning within subject lessons, where teachers will highlight relevant career pathways and real-world applications of their subjects.
- Careers events, including our annual careers fair, which last year welcomed more than 40 education, employer and training providers.

Further information about our careers programme can be found in the [Careers Section on Website](#).

Timetables and ID Cards

Students have now received their timetables through Go4Schools, along with an ID card and printed timetable. Please encourage your child to keep their ID card safe, as replacement cards can be purchased through ParentPay.

Tutor Time and DTTR

The Year 11 timetable includes two PSHE lessons and three DTTR (Diagnose, Therapy, Test, Revisit) sessions each week.

DTTR is an important part of our GCSE preparation programme. These sessions allow teachers to identify areas where students may have gaps in their knowledge or require additional support and then provide focused opportunities to address these areas.

Sessions are delivered by subject specialists and are tailored to the needs of individual students. The aim is to strengthen understanding, address misconceptions, develop confidence and ensure that students are fully prepared for their GCSE examinations.

We encourage every student to approach DTTR with the same positive attitude and level of commitment that they bring to their timetabled lessons. Making the most of these additional opportunities will be an important part of their preparation for the summer examinations.

If you have any questions or concerns, your child's tutor should be your first point of contact. Tutor contact details can be found in the [Meet the Team](#) section of the school website.

College Assemblies

Next week, students will attend their first College assembly of the academic year with their College Leader. This will be an opportunity to welcome our new Year 7 students, celebrate the achievements of last year and look ahead to some of the key events and opportunities coming up this year.

Upcoming Event – Race for Life

Finally, we have a major event upcoming later this month that we are very excited about, and I know Year 11 will be too. On Friday 25 September, we are supporting the Cancer Research UK Race for Life through our annual whole school event (weather permitting). Starting in Tutor Time, students will have the opportunity to run or walk a marked-out route of our school field. Students can come into

school in their NLS PE kit and NLS blazer and can wear a pink item of clothing and/or accessory. All students and staff are encouraged to donate £1, either in cash or via ParentPay

We are asking students and staff to make a £1 donation, either in cash on the day or through ParentPay. Every donation, however small, will contribute towards raising vital funds for Cancer Research UK. We hope this will be a fantastic opportunity for the whole school community to come together, have some fun and support an important cause.

Useful Website Links

Please also take a moment to familiarise yourself with some of the useful information available on our school website, including:

- Go4Schools (G4S) [Go4Schools \(G4S\)](#)
- ParentPay [Parentpay](#)
- Free School Meals, including information about eligibility [Free School Meals](#) (eligibility details available)

Year 11 is undoubtedly a significant year for our students, and there will be challenges along the way. However, if the start they have made is anything to go by, I am confident that they are ready to embrace all those challenges.

We want every student to complete Year 11 having achieved the very best they can, both academically and personally. With the continued support of parents and carers, alongside the hard work of our students and staff, I am confident that we can make this a successful and rewarding year for everyone.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Alan Boyes
Year 11 Lead