



Friday 5 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

I am incredibly proud of our Year 11 students and delighted to be taking them through to the completion of their GCSEs this academic year. They have been nothing but outstanding in their approach, and it is a real privilege to be working alongside such a determined and ambitious group of young people.

Year 11 have made a fantastic return to school this week. Standards of uniform have been excellent, so thank you for your continued support.

Students also demonstrated a brilliant attitude in their first assembly of the year, led by Mr. Lowdell, where the focus was on *being the best versions of ourselves*. We also celebrated the outstanding achievements of last year, particularly in GCSE RE, where 77% of students exceeded their target grade. We are incredibly proud of them. The results were as follows:

GCSE RE Results (2025):

- Grades 1–9: 98%
- Grades 4–9: 85%
- Grades 5–9: 81%
- Grades 7–9: 55%

These remarkable outcomes reflect the consistent effort and dedication of our students. As ever, personal and academic success is underpinned by world-class basics: excellent uniform, strong attendance, and punctuality. These will remain key priorities as Year 11 prepare for their GCSEs next summer.

Learning Journeys

A reminder that Curriculum information for all subjects is available on our website under the *Learn and Curriculum* tab: [Learning Journeys](#)

PSHE and Careers Education

This year, students will cover a wide range of topics across Health & Wellbeing (independence and staying safe), Living in the Wider World (financial capability), and Relationships. The overarching theme for Year 11 is *Making it Happen*.

As part of their careers curriculum, students will explore:

- The importance of researching careers, different post-16 routes, and the grades required.
- Preparing for and undertaking interviews, and responding positively to feedback.
- Understanding post-16 options and different types of careers through:
 - Mock interviews.
 - Careers-related learning within subject curricula, where teachers will share information and real-life career pathways linked to their subject.
 - Careers events such as our annual fair, which last year included over 40 education, employer, and training providers.

Further details of our careers provision can be found on the school website: [Careers Section on Website](#)

Timetables and ID Cards

All students have now received their timetables via Go4Schools, as well as an ID card with a printed copy. Please remind your child to keep their card safe; replacements can be purchased via ParentPay.

Tutor Time and DTTR

As part of the Year 11 timetable, students have two periods of **PSHE** and three periods of **DTTR** (Diagnose, Therapy, Test, Revisit).

DTTR sessions are a vital element of preparation for GCSE success. During these sessions, students will spend time focusing on **key subjects where they may need additional support or revision**. Subject specialists will deliver these lessons, targeting areas where students may have barriers to learning or gaps in knowledge. This ensures that every child has the opportunity to consolidate their understanding, build confidence, and make strong progress.

These sessions are personalised and designed to give students the best possible chance of achieving their potential in the summer exams. We strongly encourage all students to approach DTTR with the same commitment and effort they give to their regular lessons.

A reminder your child's tutor should be your first point of contact if you have any questions and contact details of your child's tutor can be found in the [Meet the Team](#) section of our website.

College Assemblies

The following week, students will attend their first College assembly of the year with their College Leader. Assemblies will welcome new Year 7 students, celebrate last year's successes, and look forward to key events in the year ahead.

Upcoming Event – Race for Life

On **Friday 26 September**, our school will once again be supporting *Cancer Research UK* through our annual **Race for Life** event (weather permitting).

The day will begin in Tutor Time, after which students will have the opportunity to run or walk a marked route around the school field. To take part, students should attend school in their **NLS PE kit and blazer**, and may also choose to wear a **pink item of clothing or accessory** to show their support.

We are encouraging all students and staff to make a **£1 donation**, either in cash on the day or via ParentPay. Every contribution will help raise vital funds for Cancer Research UK, and we look forward to seeing our whole school community coming together for this important cause.

A reminder of other useful pages on our website include:

- [Go4Schools \(G4S\)](#)
- [Parentpay](#)
- [Free School Meals](#) (eligibility details available)

Thank you once again for your continued support. This is a crucial year for our Year 11 students, but I know they will rise to the challenge with the same determination and positivity they have already shown. Together, we can ensure they finish their school journey with success and pride.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr. Royle
Year 11 Lead