



Friday 02 May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely Easter break and were able to enjoy the unexpected spell of sunshine we have been fortunate to have. As we move into this important time for our Year 11 students, I wanted to take a moment to recognise the hard work and dedication they have shown. The next few weeks mark a significant milestone, as students begin sitting their formal GCSE examinations — the culmination of all their efforts over the past five years.

I have been so pleased with the positive attitude and focus that students have demonstrated this week as they return to school. Their commitment to making the most of these final weeks has been evident, and I am confident that this will stand them in good stead as they embark on their exams. **A list of all of the dates and times of this summer's GCSE exams can be found on our website: [Exam Timetable Summer 2025](#)**

Sporting Support for a Worthy Cause

With GCSE exams fast approaching, it's been heartening to see Year 11 students still finding the time to give back. As part of the PE department's *Sport Your Support* initiative, students raised money and awareness for Prostate Cancer by donating £1 to swap their usual PE top for a sports top of their choice. Their enthusiasm and generosity reflect the strong community spirit we are so proud of at our school.



Year 11 Prom

Tickets are now available to purchase on ParentPay for any student who has been invited to attend the Year 11 Prom, taking place at Chesford Grange on Monday 7 July. Tickets are priced at £42.50 and the event will begin at 7pm.

Leavers Hoodies

Year 11 Leavers Hoodies can be ordered up until 1 June 2025, and they can be purchased directly from Stitch-Tech ([here](#)) for £22.50. These will be distributed to students on Monday 7 July during our Celebration Day.

Careers: Year 11 September Offer

Year 11 Students have been set as a Homework on Go 4 Schools (G4S) a short MS form to complete regarding the offer they have received for their next step post GCSE/ Btec exams. It is a statutory requirement that we collate the *Year 11 September Offer* information by the Department of Education. The offer a student has received may be dependent on students achieving certain grades or it may be an unconditional offer. All Year 11 students are asked to complete the form as soon as they receive an offer for their next step after GCSEs, whether the offer is conditional or unconditional, and particularly those who are not intending to attend NLS Sixth Form in September or please see Mrs Barley-Morey.

Students with multiple offers only need to report one offer— ideally the offer they are most likely to accept. They do not need to update the form if they later change their plans. Students who are undecided about their next steps do not need to complete the form until they have made a decision, which may be after receiving their results in August.

This process allows the school and the Prospects Careers Service to better support any students who may be unsure about their next steps, helping to ensure that every young person moves on to a positive destination.

We would appreciate the support of parents and carers in encouraging their child to complete the form as soon as they receive an offer. The link to the form is here [Year 11 September 2025 Offer](#)

Student Lockers

A reminder that if your child has used a locker within school, could we ask that they begin emptying it and returning the key to Student Services. All lockers assigned to a Year 11 student, where keys are not returned, will be emptied during the summer holiday. If the locker key has been lost, please could you ask your child to inform Student Services.

Year 11 Study Leave

Finally, a reminder that Study leave will commence on Thursday 15 May 2025, after the morning Maths exam. Students who have a German exam in the afternoon will remain on-site for a revision lesson during Period 3 with their German teacher.

From Thursday 15 May, students will have the option to study at home. However, they are still welcome to attend school for additional support from teachers in their timetabled lessons until they have completed their final exam in that subject. The library will also be available for personal study, and students can come in for support, if students feel they need a base for a short period of time.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Butler.
Head of Year 11