



Friday 17 April

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families had a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

As we begin the summer term, we enter a crucial period for our Year 11 students as they approach their GCSE examinations. I would like to take this opportunity to share key information, important dates, and guidance on how best to support your child in the weeks ahead.

GCSE Examinations & Timetables

GCSE exams will be commencing very soon, with some practical and speaking exams having already taken place. Personalised exam timetables will be distributed to students today, **Friday 17 April**.

Please ensure your child checks these carefully and raises any queries with staff as soon as possible.

Study Leave Arrangements

A reminder study leave will begin on **Thursday 14 May 2026**, following the morning Maths examination. Students with a German exam that afternoon will remain in school for a scheduled revision session. From this point, students may revise at home. However, they are able to continue to attend school for timetabled lessons until each subject exam has been completed. The school library will remain open as a quiet study space for those who benefit from working on-site. Unless they have an exam, students must sign in and out through reception upon arrival and departure. Please remember when onsite the normal levels of behaviour and conduct are expected from students and are to be in full school uniform.

Intervention & Revision Support

After-school intervention sessions will continue throughout this term. These sessions are invaluable in supporting students to consolidate their learning and should be attended wherever possible.

Please refer to the subject intervention schedule for full details

| MON 3.20-4PM | TUES 3.20-4PM | WED 3.20-4PM | THURS 3.20-4PM |
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| GEOGRAPHY | COMPUTER SCIENCE | MEDIA | ART |
| HISTORY | FRENCH | SCIENCE | BUSINESS |
| PRODUCT DESIGN | GERMAN | | DRAMA |
| PHYSICAL EDUCATION | MATHEMATICS | | ENGLISH |
| | TEXTILES | | FOOD |
| | | | PHOTOGRAPHY |
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Supporting Your Child with Revision

As exams approach, effective revision is essential. Students have been working on strategies in school, and we encourage the following approaches at home:

- **Structured revision timetable** – short, focused sessions with regular breaks
- **Active revision techniques** – such as flashcards, practice questions, and teaching others
- **Past paper practice** – one of the most effective preparation methods
- **Regular review** – revisiting topics to strengthen long-term memory

How parents/carers can help:

- Provide a quiet, distraction-free study space
- Encourage routine and balance between study and rest
- Support with organisation and planning
- Offer reassurance and maintain a calm, positive environment

Wellbeing and Balance

This can be a demanding time for students, and maintaining wellbeing is just as important as academic preparation.

We encourage students to:

- Get enough sleep
- Eat well and stay hydrated
- Take regular breaks
- Stay active
- Talk to someone if they are feeling overwhelmed

Tutor Time Focus

During tutor sessions this term, students will be engaging in:

- DTTR (Diagnose, Reflect, Review, Therapy) activities to target areas for improvement
- Analysis of their Data 2 results, identifying strengths and setting clear goals
- Key assemblies covering exam guidance and post-16 pathways, including Sixth Form

Sixth Form Applications

We have been delighted with the number of Year 11 students applying to join the Sixth Form.

- Interviews took place at the end of last term
- Students represented themselves exceptionally well
- Conditional offers have now been shared via email
- Further details about the July induction day will follow

Celebration Day – Monday 6 July

Students who are invited should arrive at school for 10:30am and make their way to the sports hall, where the day will begin with shirt signing, the distribution of Leavers' Hoodies and Leavers' Books. Students are required to bring their own pens for shirt signing.

As part of the morning, we would be very grateful for donations of any unwanted school uniform, including blazers, ties, PE kits, or other items in good/reasonable condition.

Please note that although this is a more relaxed event, it remains a normal school day for other year groups. We therefore ask students to attend in suitable, respectful attire.

There will be complimentary refreshments available for students, and the morning will culminate in our Leavers' Assembly, a final opportunity to reflect on their journey and celebrate achievements. The event will conclude at approximately 12:15pm, when students will be dismissed.

Prom – Monday 6 July

Tickets for prom can be purchased via ParentPay (www.parentpay.com) and are £45. The deadline is Friday 5 June.

Students invited who have purchased a ticket are to arrive for Prom from 6:30pm, with the event officially starting at 7:00pm. Please note that physical Prom tickets will not be issued; a register of all students who have paid will be used on the night to confirm entry. Parents and carers are more than welcome to gather in the car park to see the arrivals and take photos, which is always a lovely part of the evening.

Once inside, students will choose their own tables (seating is arranged in groups of ten) and will be invited to help themselves to food from a self-service selection. Water will be available on tables, and there will also be a cash bar should students wish to purchase soft drinks. A professional photographer will be present, offering the opportunity to purchase formal photos with friends– the charge is £7 per photo.

The evening will conclude at 10:30pm, when students should be collected or make their way home as arranged.

Yearbook Orders

The Year 11 Leavers' Yearbook is available to order for £29.99 via Fizz Yearbooks. **The deadline to order is Monday 20 April 2026 at 11.30pm.**

Orders can be placed via: Fizz Year Book Shop using this link [Fizz Year Book Shop](#) and our School Unique ID is: 26230YR11.

Please note - there will be only one print run, and it will not be possible to place additional orders after this date.

Leavers' Hoodies

Leavers' Hoodies can still be purchased via Stitch-Tech.

- Plain hoodie: **£20.75**
- Personalised hoodie (name on back): **£22.75**
- Order via: Stitch-Tech Website for Hoody Ordering; [Stitch-Tech Website for Hoody Ordering](#)
- **Deadline: 24 May 2026**

Online Safety

The latest Online Safety Newsletter has been added to the website and is also linked here: [Online Safety Newsletter April 2026](#).

Sport Your Support – Prostate Cancer UK Fundraiser

During the week Monday 27 April to Friday 1 May, students have an opportunity to support the PE Department in raising money for Prostate Cancer UK.

Students are invited to swap their usual PE kit top for a sports top of their choice – football, rugby, netball, basketball or any team they support – and wear their own sports top in their PE lessons in place of their school PE top. We ask for a £1 donation, payable in cash or via ParentPay.

We are looking forward to seeing the variety of sports tops in lessons based on the number of sports our students take part in and the range of sports our students support and enjoy.

This is an important and often challenging time, but it is also an opportunity for students to demonstrate all the hard work they have put in throughout their studies.

We are incredibly proud of the commitment Year 11 students have shown so far, and I will continue to support them every step of the way.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Royle
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