

5th September 2025

Welcome to Year 11!

Dear Year 11 Students, Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful summer and that students will come back to school refreshed and ready to tackle the challenges of Year 11. There is a huge amount of important information to tell you about so apologies for the length of this first Year 11 update of the year.

Firstly, on Monday students should arrive at their form rooms by 8.45am in the [correct school uniform](#) (including no false or coloured nails, no jewelry, no trainers, no hoodies) and with **full school equipment** (including a fully charged chrome book and a pen!). It is lovely to see students back in school each September, but it makes it difficult for both students and staff if we have to deal with uniform infringements from the start. It's the same with equipment; we don't want our first interactions of the academic year to be about why students have forgotten their chrome book! Please support us and your child by ensuring they have the correct uniform and equipment from day one.

On Monday we will launch our **Year 11 Programme for Success: 'The Journey is the Prize!'** in the Year 11 Assembly and we are looking forward to seeing just how well students engage with the process and their own learning, in preparation for what will probably be their most important school year yet.

Our ethos and aim for our Year 11 students is that they aspire & achieve and to become the best version of themselves both in school and in their wider life.

In order to achieve this we have a range of Year 11 strategies and events in place:

1. **Maximising Success Workshop** on Wednesday 10th September period 3.
2. **A Supporting Success evening** for parents/carers on Thursday 11th September between 4.15-6.30pm (more information below)
3. A **Year 11 Google classroom** for all things Year 11 related - please make sure students have signed up to this.
4. **GCSE Pod** subscription for all students (this is an online learning/revision platform which we recommend)
5. **Information and Guidance interviews** during the year to assist students in preparing for their next steps in education & beyond.
6. Extra capacity in school staff for Year 11 students, both for **academic and pastoral support**.
7. An expectation that students attend the **period 6 (3-4pm) intervention lessons** in Maths (Monday), Science (Wednesday) and English (Thursday)



8. A form time **intervention and revision programme** (with guided learning and resource packs). Students need their own chrome book for this every day.
9. An expectation that students complete between **2-3 hours of homework/revision** on 5 days a week (This can include period 6 revision lessons)
10. **Assessment opportunities** (practice exams and 2 mock exams) for students so they can accurately monitor the progress they are making, **2 Progress Evenings** (October and March) and **2 Progress Reports** using the Pupil Progress platform (December & April)

We would strongly encourage **all students** to engage in the period 6 revision programme which will start next week. This has run extremely successfully for the last 5 years and makes a real difference to student outcomes in the summer.

Other subjects will offer sessions at lunchtimes or period 6 which we will announce as they get underway.

Supporting Success Evening

As mentioned above, this event takes place on **Thursday 11th September** between 4.30pm - 6.30pm. The evening is arranged by teaching staff to support **parents and carers** of Year 11 students this year. During the event we aim to answer the following questions through a series of general and subject presentations:

- How can I best support my child this year?
- What are the key dates we need to know?
- What do I need to know about each subject that my child is taking?
- How can I support my child with revision?

More details will follow in a separate email but please save the date. Students are not required to attend this event.

Important dates this term

Monday 8th September at 8.45am Year 11 back to school (students)

Tuesday 9th September 8.45am Year 11 form time interventions start for some students (please check your calendar in Arbor) (students)

Wednesday 10th September Year 11 Maximising Success Workshop period 3 (students)

Thursday 11th September Year 11 Parents/Carers Supporting Success Evening 4.15pm - 6.30pm (Parents/carers)



Thursday 25th September Open Evening for prospective students (Early closing for whole school) (all)

Thursday 2nd October Year 11 Progress Evening 4-7pm (letter will be sent out separately) (Parents/Carers & Students)

English Literature Mock exams (early) (students)

Monday 20th-Friday 31st October HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 3rd - Friday 14th November Year 11 mock exams (first session)

Other key dates this year:

Reports sent home: week commencing 8th December 2025 & 8th March 2026

Mock exams 2: Monday 2nd - Friday 13th February 2026

Progress Evening 2: Thursday 19th March

GCSE & BTEC exams: Monday 11th May - Tuesday 16th June 2026

We look forward to working with you this year as part of the Year 11 team.

Yours faithfully,

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Deputy Head of School

Mrs S Barnes
Head of Year

Mrs E Voss & Miss Chambers
Raising Achievement Officers

