

RRE/HST

15th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to write and wish all of our Year 11 students the very best of luck as their formal written exams begin this week. We fully appreciate that this is a stressful time for young people and wanted to reassure you that we are doing all we can to support your son/daughter during the exam period. We continue to offer intervention sessions throughout this time and also amend our timetable each day to ensure Year 11 receive additional teaching for exams they have coming up, as they complete other subjects. This approach has proven highly successful and also provides real reassurance for students because each and every hour they attend school they are revising and we are helping them prepare. Mrs Dowson is also putting the final touches to the half term revision schedule which, once again, offers further opportunities for guided revision. We are incredibly grateful to our staff for giving up their holiday to offer this.

The final school day for Year 11 will be Monday 19th June and students will arrive at normal time and leave at 12pm. They must attend each day up to this date, for the full day, so that we can support them with their exam preparation. It is important that they also arrive each day in full uniform and bring all of their equipment, including their iPad. The last day is always incredibly enjoyable with students wearing fancy dress, enjoying mocktails, time on inflatables, a final assembly and year group photo, as well the chance to say farewell to staff. To ensure that your child is able to enjoy this experience they must attend all exams, remain in the Academy completing their bespoke timetable and conduct themselves well during the exam period.

Our Year 11 Prom will be taking place on Friday 14th July and Mrs Stow and Mrs Kent have begun advertising ticket sales. It is always a fantastic evening and we hope to see as many Year 11s there as possible! We fully appreciate the expense this event generates and are delighted that Miss Burnett is holding her annual 'say yes to the dress' event to offer occasion wear to students who may need this; please check our social media channels for further details. Students can also secure £5 off

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their prom ticket price via attendance of intervention sessions using the Prom Passport and we have set up a payment plan to spread the cost of tickets too.

Year 11 have so much to look forward to and we always try to keep their focus on the bright futures they have ahead of them whilst they are completing their final exams. They have been a wonderful year group who have faced the trials that Covid brought with real determination and they deserve every success. We will miss them when they leave us and wish them and your family the very best for the future.

Yours sincerely

R. Revell

Ms R Revell Principal