

12 December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 11 December Update

As we approach the end of the autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the achievements of our Year 11 students and share important information about the months ahead. This term has been a significant step in their journey towards the summer GCSE examinations, and I am delighted to report that students have engaged positively in their lessons, showing commitment and resilience in their studies.

Throughout the term, Year 11 have participated in a wide range of activities designed to support their academic progress and future aspirations. They have completed their mock examinations, which provided valuable insight into current attainment and highlighted areas for improvement. We welcomed post-16 providers who delivered assemblies outlining pathways into further education, apprenticeships and vocational training ensuring students are well-informed about their next steps. In addition, many students have attended careers appointments, receiving tailored guidance to help them make informed decisions about their futures. Beyond the classroom, Year 11 have represented the academy in sporting fixtures demonstrating teamwork and dedication. Our parents' evening offered an important opportunity for families to discuss progress with subject teachers, and we were pleased to launch our Year 11 revision webpage, which provides resources, timetables and strategies to support independent study.

Changes to Tutor Time

From January, we will be introducing changes to the structure of tutor time for Year 11 students. We recognise that lesson time is invaluable and additional opportunities to focus on core subjects will be crucial in helping students secure the grades they deserve. To maximise impact, tutor groups will be restructured into targeted sessions:

- 1. English-focused groups**
- 2. Maths-focused groups**
- 3. Groups split between English and Maths**
- 4. Groups covering English, Maths, and Science**

These allocations have been carefully determined using SCAN assessments and predicted grade data, ensuring that each student receives support tailored to their individual needs. This approach will allow for more personalised intervention, helping students to strengthen their skills in the subjects most in need. Sessions will be delivered by experienced subject specialists and students will still receive pastoral support. I will continue to drop in to form times and will be the central point of

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contact for any major pastoral issues. **Full details of the new groupings will be communicated to families shortly.**

Mock Results Day

We are pleased to announce a new format for the distribution of mock examination results. To replicate the experience of the summer GCSE results day, we are inviting parents/carers to join their child in collecting results. This Mock Results Collection will take place on **Monday 12 January 2026**, between **4:45pm and 6:00pm** at the academy.

At 5:30pm, we will host a 30-minute presentation in the hall, with subject leaders from English, Maths and Science each delivering a short talk on effective revision strategies and ways to maximise progress in the months ahead. This session is optional and families may choose simply to collect their envelope and leave. However, we strongly encourage attendance at the presentation, as it will provide practical advice and guidance at this crucial stage. Members of the Senior Leadership Team will also be available throughout the evening to answer questions and offer support. Should you decide not to collect your results, or are unable to collect them at this time, they will be posted out to you the following day.

A Final Word of Thanks

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all Year 11 students for their hard work, determination and positive attitude this term. Their efforts both inside and outside of the classroom have been commendable and they should be proud of what they have achieved so far. I also want to thank parents and carers for their continued support - your encouragement at home plays a vital role in helping students reach their potential.

Year 11 Prom – Friday 19 June 2026, The Hilton Garden Inn, Doncaster, DN2 6BB

It is my pleasure to let you know that we have secured a venue for the Year 11 Prom and to ask you to save the date.

The prom will take place at The Hilton Garden Inn, Doncaster, DN2 6BB on **Friday 19 June 2026**. Students should arrive between 6.30pm – 7.00pm and they should be collected at 11.00pm.

Please note the national GCSE contingency date for examinations is **Wednesday 24 June 2026**, and no holidays should be taken until after this date as candidates need to be available to sit any examinations. The contingency day is in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the United Kingdom, being part of the awarding bodies standard contingency planning for examinations.

Below is a link to a presentation that was shared with students on the first day back regarding the prom. As in previous years an invitation to the prom is linked to student ACHIEVED points converting to prom points.

Students will be provided with regular updates regarding their prom points, and after February half-term, they will be informed whether they have earned enough prom points for an invitation. The criteria for prom points has been constructed in collaboration with the student body to provide many ways to earn points, allowing as many students as possible the opportunity to attend. For serious breaches of academy rules, students will not be invited to the prom as outlined in the presentation, this includes any suspensions.

Please note that the prom is a school event and the academy have the right to withdraw the invitation at any point before the prom and are not liable to any costs incurred. Withdrawal will be due to

students not following academy expectations on behaviours and attitudes, including serious breaches, or examination conduct.

Further details regarding the Prom will be provided after Easter.

[Click here to the Prom Presentation 2026](#)

As we look ahead to January, it is essential that students return with focus and determination. Together, we must ensure they are "Ready to be Excellent," as they enter the final most important stage of their secondary education.

I wish you all a joyful festive break and a happy new year.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Chancellor

Assistant Principal / Year 11 PAL