

Headteacher: Mr D. Whales | Chair of Governors: Mr A. Brown

7<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to welcome Year 11 back and have been impressed by their positive approach and attitude. Many students have returned with a focused mindset, continuing the hard work and dedication demonstrated during the first term.

### Preparing for GCSE Success

As we move into this important term, we are introducing additional support to help students prepare for their GCSE exams. These initiatives are outlined below and will be further explained at our upcoming Parent Information Evening.

### Year 11 Finals and Parent Information Evening.

Please sign up by clicking on this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/pqzrtR69SE>

The Year 11 finals begin on **Monday, 19th January 2026**. All students have their finals timetable, and it is crucial they know their exam dates, start times, examination number, and seat location.

The **Parent Information Evening** will take place on **Wednesday 14th January, 5:30pm - 6:15 pm**. Registration opens at **5.00pm\*** (*please avoid arriving earlier due to the Year 8 Options Evening running concurrently*).

\*Between **5:00 pm - 5:20pm** and **6:20 pm - 6:45 pm**, you will also have the opportunity to speak with most non-core subject teachers present for the *Year 8 Options Evening*. This is optional, so if you are attending solely for the information session, please aim to register between **5:15-5.25 pm**.

Due to limited seating, **students are not expected to attend this evening**, as the information will be shared with them at appropriate points during the term. However, if you need to bring your child (including year 8 & 9), that will be fine.

Key topics will include:

- Finals schedule and coursework expectations
- The GCSE period, Exam Boards, Booster sessions and effective revision strategies
- Post-16 options
- A detailed timeline of key dates
- Presentations from English, Maths and Science.

### Bonus Hour & Breakfast Booster

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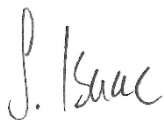
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Following feedback from students and parents, we understand that some prefer to complete their revision at school, allowing a clear separation between school and home. To accommodate this, we are introducing the **Bonus Hour**, starting **Monday, 19th January 2026**, which will run **Monday to Thursday, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm**, i.e. after Unit 6.

The Bonus Hour provides a dedicated, supervised, and well-resourced study space where students can work independently or in groups. The Year 11 team will be on hand to offer pastoral and academic support. While attendance is optional, students can use this time as frequently as they wish. Attendance will be monitored for safeguarding purposes and may lead to additional rewards.

**Breakfast Boosters** will also begin on **Monday, 19th January**. Year 11 students who arrive early to school can use a warm study space from **8:00 am**. As always, a free breakfast will be available from the school canteen during this time. We hope these measures will support our students as they strive for success and balance their well-being during the final run-in to their examinations. Thank you for your continued support in making this a productive and positive term for Year 11.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr S Isaac**  
**Head of Year 11**

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