

26th March 2025

Dear All

RE: Year 11

As we enjoy the start of spring, I thought I'd write to let you know about the important dates coming up for Year 11.

Currently revision is taking place and staff are busily preparing our students for their exams. The first exam in the summer series is on Thursday 1st May, although for the majority of students most begin on the following week.

Exam Procedures

Year 11 have been working towards these exams for a long time now and should feel confident (if a little nervous) about them. They know the procedures, where to go and what to take with them into the exam hall. **Please ask your child to read the exam procedures posters** – any breaking of the exam regulations can have very serious consequences – and we want to avoid mistakes: they know these include **no phones/watches on their person, a clear pencil case, a clear water bottle, no communicating with others in the exam hall**, etc. They also need to listen to and follow the invigilators who will ensure the exam runs smoothly. Students need to come in for exams in the correct school uniform, even once study leave has begun. Any concerns about the exam process should be raised with Mrs Grundy in the Examination Office.

Revision Breakfasts

From Thursday 8th May, there will be a 'Revision Breakfast' each day for the first exam of the day. Revision breakfasts will run from 8.15 am in the Technology area. Light refreshments are available as well as some key reminders before the morning exam.

Revision support will continue until the final paper is sat in the subject and so right through until the end of June.

Leaver's Assembly

During **period 3 on Tuesday 6th May, we will have a Leavers Assembly for Year 11.** At this the students will hear from key staff, look back at their time at Farlingaye, and also have the chance to sign each other's shirts. For this day they may wear **appropriate non-school uniform, and will need to bring in a spare school shirt and a pen for signing in the afternoon.** Unless involved in preparations for the assembly, Year 11 are expected to be in their lessons as usual during this day and I ask you remind them to ensure this is a pleasant and memorable event for all the right reasons. The year group are amazing, but I appreciate that they might get carried away and they need to understand they can't disrupt the rest of the school.

Study Leave

The final day students must be in school full time is **Tuesday 3rd June**. After this date they may wish to revise at home, but be aware staff will still be available in school. **If coming into school, they should sign in and out at Reception as there won't be a tutor time.** Students who finish an exam early or wish to revise in school can do so and should go to their timetabled classroom or to the Library if space allows. Teachers will be available during these times. The students need to remember our expectations of them and ensure they are in supervised spaces and not disrupting the school for the other students.

Prom

To mark the end of their exams **the Year 11 Prom is on Wednesday 2nd July** at All Manor of Events on Henley Road, Ipswich. The evening starts at 6.30 pm, and after an arrival drink, food and a disco, the weary revelers need to be picked up at 11.00 pm. Details about this have already been sent out.

Final Exam and Results Days

The final exam is on Wednesday 18th June (although students need to be available until 25th June in case there is some kind of emergency) and then the students have a lovely long summer to relax. They can come to school on the morning of **Thursday 21st August to collect their GCSE results** and hopefully then celebrate their success. Details will follow for the day, but we are usually based in the 6th Form Block and staff are around to congratulate and to assist with any last minute changes of plan.

This will be a busy few months for the Year 11, and consequently for you. Thank you in advance for all your support, please do stay in contact and let me or the Form Tutor know if you have any concerns.

Best wishes (and good luck)

Yours sincerely



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