

17 April 2025

### **Arrangements for Year 11 students during May and June 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the main examination season, we thought you might appreciate the following information to clarify the school's expectations of students during the coming weeks. Students will have recently received a revision pack from myself sharing lots of revision resources to support your child in preparation for their exams. Assemblies last term also centred around different revision techniques to support your child finding the style of revision that works for them.

By now, all Year 11 students should be revising at home each evening (making revision cards, testing themselves, completing and marking past papers and using on-line revision sites such as BBC bitesize, educake.co.uk, sparxmaths.com, senecalearning.com. Parents play a very important role in making sure that students manage their time so that they stay positive, motivated, confident, and healthy as well as working hard and being determined to do the best they can.

#### **Year 11 Lessons and Expectations**

The exam period begins Monday 28 April with the MFL speaking exams. Week commencing Tuesday 6 May, each Year 11 student will be expected to follow a personalised timetable which will be handed to them each week on brightly coloured paper. The Year 11s' timetables have been personalised to include 'extra' sessions' (time with specialist teachers for crucial, pre-exam revision) and their normal timetabled lessons in subjects where they are still preparing for exams. The timetable may include periods of private study and students will need to bring revision materials to these sessions. There will be access to a limited number of revision guides and study support booklets should students not have any resources with them. All Year 11 students will need to follow their new individual timetables unless they are scheduled to have an exam. Attendance to all personalised lessons is vital and for this reason it will be monitored and considered for Y11 prom entry. Teacher's will be logging all attendance, and this will be calculated and reviewed by the pastoral team when making final decisions on Prom invites.

Please be aware that the official leaving date for Y11 set by the Department for Education is Wednesday 25 June 2025. Students must be available to come into school in the event that there is a re arranged exam or that there are queries around coursework submitted for moderation. Please make sure that you do not book any holidays in June so in the event we need to see your son/daughter they can attend school. Please can you also avoid booking any medical appointments during the school day, we will be asking for evidence of any appointments made during the alternative timetable period so that it does not affect your child's attendance record to maintain their prom invite.

After May half term (26 -30 May) students may see short periods of home study included in their personalised timetable, in which students are free to complete private study at home as opposed to being in school for the entirety of the day. We will also offer rooms in school if students prefer to work here as opposed to at home. For home study to be granted, we will require a signature from parents/carers but will not be asking for this approval until after May half term. Without a signature, we will expect students to remain in school as if it was a normal school day.

### **Timing of exams & Lunch accounts**

Students must be on site before 8:20am and go to the exam hall. For afternoon exams, students are not permitted to leave site at lunch, and they should arrange to eat lunch on site or bring a packed lunch. All afternoon exams begin at 1:30pm and students should be at the assembly hall for an exam briefing at 1pm. We will organise for Y11 students to be provided an earlier lunch during the exam period.

Please note from 8 May students will be refused credit and pay the next day option for any food/drinks unless there is money on their account. If parents/carers would prefer not to top up their child's account, so close to them leaving the canteen staff will accept cash. Signs will be displayed in the cafeteria during the next few weeks to give students plenty of warning.

### **Half Term Study Support**

During half term (26-30 May) there will be revision sessions in school for some of the subjects with exams remaining. A timetable of revision sessions will be given to students soon and will be made available on the school website. This is a key week before many exams and Year 11's should have a clear revision plan, of which these extra revision sessions should be included.

### **After 17 June 2025**

If students have no more exams and if they have had all their vocational coursework signed off by their teachers, they will not be expected in school at all following Tuesday 17 June.

### **Leavers Assembly - Thursday 19 June 2025**

The Year 11 leavers assembly will take place on Thursday 19 June. This is an event for students only. Students will be allowed to attend the leavers assembly on 19 June wearing their own clothes and should bring their school shirt with them if they would like to get it signed. We would also like to ask for parents' support with donating uniform and PE kit to the school. We would kindly like to request that any revision guides be donated back to school so they can be re-used. We will provide boxes into which students can drop their donations during both the leavers assembly and on the exam results day on Thursday 21 August.

More information regarding the timings of the leaver's assembly will be sent out nearer the time.

### **The Year 11 Prom – Friday 20 June 2025**

The Year 11 Prom will be taking place on Friday 20 June at 1867 Lounge, Sheffield Wednesday Football Club, Hillsborough, arrivals from 6.30pm and a finish/collection time of 11pm. Tickets are £45 (including live band, food, venue hire) for students who have met the Prom criteria and been given a Prom invite but must maintain these expectations. Many students have already received invites and more will be released to student's w/c 6 May, as soon as they have met the criteria as stated in the letter home before Easter. All decisions regarding admittance to the Prom will be at the discretion of the school staff, and like all other decisions made at school, individual circumstances will always be considered. This is in line with all the Prom criteria communication home during the year and with students in school.

Please note this includes students attending school as requested throughout the pre-exam period, attending all exams and exemplary behaviour in exams and revision sessions, full standard dress and equipment for exams. Where there are any school based behavioural or attendance concerns the school reserves the right to retract the offer of a Prom place, and any monies paid will be lost. If you have any questions regarding the Prom, please get in touch with Mrs Jackson or Ms Martin.

We understand the many stresses and strains that accompany supporting young people through the coming weeks. As a school we remain whole-heartedly committed to each and every one of our students and to you as their parents and carers. If there is anything we might do to assist or if there is any further information you require, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



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