



30 April 2025

Dear Families

Well done to all of the students who are working really hard as we move, at pace, towards the exam season. With the first exam only a week or so away, we wanted to confirm the below which will be of interest ahead of the final few weeks of Year 11.

### Study Leave

In line with most secondary schools across the country, and DoFE guidance over school attendance, study leave as families may have known it previously is not quite the same. As schools have done over the past eight or nine years, students do not start 'study leave' until May half term. This is because it is widely accepted that students will achieve better with direct instruction and support from their teachers rather than by revising individually, however hard they may work.

During the exam season, students will take part in a mixture of their exams, normal timetabled lessons and specific drop down sessions ahead of the afternoon exam that day or after school sessions to support their revision.

Therefore, students will be given 'study leave' after their English Language exam on Friday 23 May which is the final day before the half term break. After half term, students will only need to attend school for revision sessions and their exams, however, I am sure staff will be available during their lesson time should students want to come in and work with them ahead of any exams after half term.

### Year 11 Exams Preparation Evening

We are looking forward to seeing families for this evening on Thursday 8 May between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. Some students will have an exam on Friday so we do understand if those students are not able to join us. We will be aiming the evening at key information that parents and carers can take away to support their child over the exam period.

### Year 11 Prom, Hoodie and Yearbook Information

We are now in the process of finalising hoodie and yearbook orders and will be in touch with further information about when these will be available to collect shortly.

The prom will take place on Thursday 26 June 2025 at Plumpton Racecourse. On the day, students should arrive at Sackville from 5.15pm so that we can depart at 6.10pm. The event will finish at 11.00pm, and we expect to return to Sackville at around 11.30pm.

We were delighted to have released many tickets to students who passed their Prom Passport at the end of last term. Tickets are available for purchase under "available trips" on MCAS at a cost of £60.00, which includes coach travel to and from the venue. For students who are eligible for the Pupil Premium government grant, we would like to offer a 10% reduction, which will be reflected in the price on MCAS.

This week we will be providing remaining students with a second round Prom Passport and hope to release a second wave of tickets on Friday 16 May.

Kind regards

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