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Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 11 Head of Year Spring Update

Firstly, a very proud moment for the school was watching Josh help to honour a very cherished former member of staff. Josh successfully organised and executed a tremendous charity event in her honour, raising money for a very important charity.

Josh, of *JF Discos*, gave a great night to all, particularly for members of staff who left some dubious dance moves out on the dance floor...

Thanks to Josh's continued fundraising efforts and the generous donations of many, a grand total of **£1,215.50** was raised for Cancer Research UK.

Additionally, Josh was our DJ at the Year 7 Disco event for the school later on in this last term. Those dubious dance moves from staff returned once more...

Josh continues to be proactive with further assisting with the planning for our Year 11 Prom later on in the year.

A massive congratulations to Josh for his efforts – we're all **extremely** proud of you.



Secondly, I'm delighted to announce that Year 11 Prom will be held on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023**. This will be at Bedford Blues Rugby Club, of Goldington Road, Bedford.

I would like to give recognition to those students of our Year 11 Prom Committee who have continually assisted in the thoughts, planning, and realisation of what their prom is to be.

A particular mention is to be given to Charlotte for assisting in the management of potential venues. Moving into the summer term, our Year 11 Prom Committee will be supporting and leading on the fundraising and further planning for the event.

Our Prom Committee now meets every Tuesday after school, and I actively encourage those who wish to have their *voice* to make it count by attending.



Bedford Blues Marquee

Furthermore, Year 11s have continually been rewarded for showcasing great behaviour and progress this term.

This term's winners of our half-termly 'Hungry-Games' tutor competition were 11KS and 11CME. Collectively, these tutor groups boasted the most praise points, over a running-weekly basis, to earn pizzas for their tutor group to share.

Additionally, I ran a separate easter competition over the last fortnight for the top 3 individuals of each tutor who boasted a the most praise points and 100% attendance; 29 Year 11 students received an easter-themed prize for their efforts on the final day of term.

Well done to all for championing positivity!



As we move towards an important term ahead with regards to exams, the Year 11 team, our Senior Leaders and our Teachers will continually support your child throughout this process.

We had a significant turn out for students wishing to sign up to Easter Revision at the beginning of our upcoming break. We look forward to welcoming them back into school next week for these sessions.

I encourage all to have a restful break, but also encourage the planning and preparation of revision material during this time to ensure students have an immediate and driven return to school after Easter.

An Easter Revision letter was communicated separately should you wish to see the details of these sessions. This is available on our new-look school website.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Burrells, Assistant Head of Year 11, for her professionalism, commitment, time and care that she has given to the Mark Rutherford School community. Mrs Burrells is taking on a new role elsewhere after this term. I'm sure that a large proportion of students from our year group will join me in wishing her well in her future endeavours.

Thank You Mrs Burrells!

Finally, we would both just like to take this time to say thank you; thank you to all the Year 11 students and you, parents/careers, for your continued hard work and support to the school. Here's to a successful and brighter (literally) Summer Term. Have a great break and we look forward to seeing you all replenished and ready to go in 2 weeks!

If you have any questions at all please contact either your child's tutor or me, on 01234 290200 or [mark.rutherford@mrus.co.uk](mailto:mark.rutherford@mrus.co.uk) or [Year11Office@mrus.co.uk](mailto:Year11Office@mrus.co.uk). Please mark emails for the attention of the relevant member of staff to ensure they are able to deal efficiently with your enquiry.

Yours faithfully

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Mr Boyde  
Head of Year 11

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RMBurrells', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Burrells  
Assistant Head of Year 11