



Monday 17th March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Updates

I write to inform you of some updates in relation to Year 11.

This afternoon we had an extraordinary assembly during afternoon tutor time to inform the students that Mrs Elvin is leaving at the end of this term having secured a promotion into an Assistant Headteacher role in another school. We understand that being close to the summer GCSE examinations this will cause some unrest for students however, Mrs Dougan will continue to be Assistant Head of Year 11 in her non-teaching role. In addition, Mr Sharpe has been appointed as a Head of Year and having been a Year 11 Tutor will take over this year group until their examinations have finished. Miss Silvestri has already taken over Mr Sharpe's tutor group to support the afore mentioned staffing changes. Mrs Elvin also plans to keep in touch and come back for the key celebratory events.

Having looked at the examination timetable for GCSEs, students will start their study leave on Thursday 15th May 2025. All students will be in a Maths exam in the morning. Following this they will have a Leavers Assembly, an opportunity for shirt signing and photos before being able to leave at 1.20pm. Until this date students are expected to be in school for all timetabled lessons as normal. After this date, students will be able to study independently at home and only come in for their timetabled examinations.

If you would like your child to have a leavers hoodie, please order via the link below by Friday 4th April 2025.

<https://shop.teamhoodies.co.uk/markrutherford25>

We have agreed that students can wear their hoodies instead of their mandatory school jumpers between Monday 11th May and Thursday 15th May 2025 only. All other uniform items are still to be worn. Please note that hoodies are not permitted in any of the summer examinations.

I am confident the students will welcome Mr Sharpe into their year group and will be equally well supported over the remainder of this academic year. Mr Sharpe will start to support in the Year Office with immediate effect.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Foster
Headteacher