

September 2025

Dear Parent,

I hope you and your family have had a good summer and that you feel well prepared for the crucial year ahead in your child's education.

As usual, the new Year 11 students have returned to school looking smart and well prepared for their learning this year. If you have had difficulty obtaining any items of uniform, please inform me as soon as possible and we will see what we can do to help. If you have any queries regarding uniform, the policy is in the parent section of the website.

With regards to our expectations for students this year; as regards equipment- it is obviously a priority that students' learning in lessons goes smoothly and you will be contacted as a matter of urgency if they are not well organised with essentials such as pens, pencil, highlighters and their Maths equipment. As the role models of the whole school now, we expect behaviour to be mature in and out of the classroom and we will sanction if this is not the case so as to ensure the learning of others is not being disrupted. Please could we ask you to have a discussion with your child about these expectations if you feel it is appropriate. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

I would also like to echo the message from Mr. McClarey in his recent letter addressing attendance, that we are here to support you and your child, so please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns. Returning to school after any absence can often make a student feel anxious about work they might have missed. To provide support for students who have been absent for a day or longer, I will make myself available after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays to facilitate catch-up sessions where students can concentrate on core subject work they have missed. We hope that students who have been absent will attend one of these sessions and I would like to highlight that this is to provide extra support and is not intended as a punishment.

Please continue to contact form tutors initially regarding queries or concerns about your son or daughter, as they play a vital day-to-day role in the pastoral care of your child. Year 11 Form Tutors and email addresses are as follows:

- 11 Ashley – Mrs. Low ([rlow@blessededward.co.uk](mailto:rlow@blessededward.co.uk))
- 11 Clitherow – Mr. Gould ([sgould@blessededward.co.uk](mailto:sgould@blessededward.co.uk))
- 11 Jones – Mr. Nicholls ([mnicholls@blessededward.co.uk](mailto:mnicholls@blessededward.co.uk))
- 11 Line – Mrs. Wones ([cwones@blessededward.co.uk](mailto:cwones@blessededward.co.uk))
- 11 Pritchard – Mrs. Whittingham ([lwhittingham@blessededward.co.uk](mailto:lwhittingham@blessededward.co.uk))
- 11 Pritchard – Mrs. Strauss ([cstrauss@blessededward.co.uk](mailto:cstrauss@blessededward.co.uk))
- 11 Sutton – Mrs. Barrett ([abarrett@blessededward.co.uk](mailto:abarrett@blessededward.co.uk))
- 11 Sutton – Mr. Long ([rlong@blessededward.co.uk](mailto:rlong@blessededward.co.uk))
- 11 Wall - Mr Cavell ([ccavell@blessededward.co.uk](mailto:ccavell@blessededward.co.uk))

If you wish to contact me via email for any reason, please do not hesitate.  
([pbryant@blessededward.co.uk](mailto:pbryant@blessededward.co.uk))



**Important dates for your diary:**

Wednesday 17 September: Year 11 Expectations Evening

Thursday 25 September: Open evening 5-8pm

Thursday 16 October: Staff training afternoon – students leave at 1.35pm

Thursday 16 October: Performing Arts Evening

Monday 27 October: Half Term week

Monday 10 November: Year 11 First Mock Exams start

Monday 24 November: Flu vaccinations

Friday 28 November: Teacher Education Day

Thursday 4 December: Year 11 Parents' Evening in person 4-7.30pm

Thursday 18 December: Carol Service 7.00pm

Friday 19 December: finish for Christmas at 12.30pm

You will see that one of the events above is Year 11 Expectations Evening. This is to inform you about what the year ahead holds for Year 11 students and to give you ideas on how best to support your child through their exams. If you have not already done so, please do download the college's Synergy parent app as this contains lots of useful information and is now the primary method of communication from college to parents.

We believe communication is the key to building good relationships between school and home and are always keen to meet with parents to resolve matters face to face. We fully understand that urgent issues can arise but please bear in mind that we cannot always see parents who arrive without notice during the school day. Staff are often teaching or in meetings. Please call ahead to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet rather than arrive at school unannounced and risk disappointment if no one is available. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Bryant  
Head of Year 11

