

January 2026

Dear Parent

A very Happy New Year to everyone and a big welcome back, after the Christmas holidays, to our Year 11 students. This is now the student's final FULL term with us, so it is important that they maximise every learning opportunity and excellent attendance is a vital aspect of this. If your child is unable to attend College for any reason, please use the Synergy Parent app to notify us, or contact the office before college begins to inform us of their absence on 01905 352615.

It is very pleasing to see the Year 11 students looking smart and enthusiastic in their uniform. Just a polite reminder that students need to be in the correct college uniform right up until they leave us in the Summer, including during the GCSE exam period. The College uniform policy is accessible via the parents' section on the college website, if you are unsure about any aspect of the college uniform policy. A reminder also that if your child brings a mobile phone to college for use before or after school, it is their responsibility to ensure that it is switched off and out of sight on school grounds during the school day.

Students will shortly be moving into 'Home' and 'Away' tutor groups, with a view to having silent revision sessions as a task 2 or 3 mornings per week. Revision skills have been discussed with all pupils but, during 'Away' form time, revision techniques could be discussed again if necessary. I would advise students to begin revision plans as soon as possible, and there is lots of guidance regarding revision on the college website. Past papers, flashcards (online or on paper), YouTube videos, revision with friends, revision books are just a few suggestions. Lunchtime and after-school revision sessions will also begin this term, and further details of these will be forthcoming soon. Please could we ask parents to encourage pupils to be revising. The recommendation is for pupils to be doing 2 hours of schoolwork per night and more than that at the weekend. If pupils say they have no revision, this is incorrect, they have to choose, find or create the revision materials.

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:

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

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

Finally, 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 often cannot see parents who arrive without notice during the school day as staff are often already teaching or in meetings that have already been arranged. We respectfully ask that you 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 on this matter.

If you do have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact tutors, subject teachers, or myself so that we can work together to support your children. I thank you again for your continued support, which is always very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Mr Bryant
Head of Year 11

Dates for your diary this half term:

W/C Monday 12th January – MFL MOCK speaking exams

Wednesday 21st January Teacher planning afternoon. Students leave at 1.35pm

W/C Monday 26th January – Enterprise presentations all week

Tuesday 27th January- Year 11 Panoramic photo (Students MUST have signed the GDPR sheet in forms to be part of the photo)

Wednesday 28th January- short reports will be updated on Pupil Progress

4th-6th February- College Production – 'Matilda'

Friday 6th February- Non-Uniform day

Friday 13th February – School finish for half term at 3.20pm

Looking further ahead – You may want to put the Prom Date in your diary. This has been booked again for **Stanbrook Abbey for Wednesday 1st July**. Further details to follow.