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Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

It is hard to believe that we are finally here at the summer GCSE exam season! Some of our Year 11 students started today with the CNAT Sports Studies exam this morning, a big well done to those students, and for all other students the exam series starts in full on Monday 11 May 2026 with English Literature paper 1.

All students have been given exam timetables and revision booklets to help to support them through the next few weeks. In school, when students are not in exams, they will be in what we call 'collapsed timetable' and this will be very focused revision for the next exam that they sit, I cannot stress enough how important it is that students are in for these sessions. Please do not request that your child go home during the sessions. School will need formal evidence of any appointments in school time for the next few weeks.

A brief outline of some Year 11 key dates can be found below.

- Friday 22 May:** Attendance on this day is an absolute must as prom permission slips will be given out between 9.00-9.30am. Any student not in at that time will automatically not receive a formal prom invite. Also, on the afternoon of this day, there will be an opportunity for Year 11 students to relax a little after the first two weeks of exams, and we will have the photo booth and ice cream van in for these students to enjoy a bit of well-earned fun. I also believe that the final Year 11 football match will be held during period 5!
- Wednesday 17 June:** Year 11 Leavers' Day celebrations – more details to follow.
- Wednesday 01 July:** Year 11 Leavers' Prom at Wynyard Hall.

Finally, I just want to say a huge thank you to you, the parents and carers, that have supported your children and the school as we have journeyed to this important point. All the staff at St. Michael's wish our Year 11 students the very best of luck as they start these exams and we look forward to celebrating with them on the other side.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Clare M Humble
Headteacher



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