

5 February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Year 11 Updates

I just wanted to catch up with you again before we reach the February half-term. As of today, there are only 11 school weeks left before students start their actual GCSE exams.

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening on Tuesday 23 January. We hope you found the information that we shared with you as parents helpful. You now have copies of the March mock exam timetable; the intervention timetable; information about the importance of interventions; the importance of attendance at school and the completion of homework.

For those parents unable to join us on Parents' Evening, we have arranged several meetings to catch up with as many parents as possible at this important time. If you have been contacted by Mrs. Sutton, please try to make sure you can come to school so that we can share all the necessary information with you all too.


We are re-launching the expectations for all Year 11 students interested in going to the Prom on Wednesday 26 June 2024. As we stated at the start of the year, students' attendance in classes, including registration and interventions (lunchtime and after-school) will be a key consideration in being eligible to attend.

Your child will be receiving a timetable for the February half-term sessions next week. I cannot stress enough the importance of ensuring your child's attendance at any of the sessions that they are invited to, with so little time to go now until the summer exams, it is vital that students attend all lessons that are put on for them.

One of the many ways in which we can work together to support your child at this time is to make sure that we keep communicating with each other regarding any concerns we may have. If you are at all concerned about your child's mental health regarding worries about exams, we are offering two 'Dealing with exam stress' sessions led by Alliance counselling services. The first session took place on Thursday 1 February 2024 and a further session will run on Monday 19 February 2024. Please contact the enquiry email on [enquiries@stmichaels.bhcet.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stmichaels.bhcet.org.uk) and address it for the attention of Mrs. Carey and she will be able to add your child to the list.

We are always looking for the views of our parents to be able to further improve your child's experience at school. One way we do this is by asking parents to complete a Parental Questionnaire. If you would like to share your views with us, please use the link below and complete the on-line questionnaire: <https://forms.office.com/e/xL32mVz5f4>

Yours sincerely,



**Mrs. Clare Humble**  
Headteacher

*Act Justly, Love Tenderly and Walk Humbly with your God*