

20 March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Year 11 Updates

As we approach the final two weeks of the Spring term, it feels like we are just starting to get the spring weather; the days are longer and it feels like we have finally left the long, wet, winter behind. There is a renewed sense of energy around the academy and we have lots of activities taking place that I would like to share with you.

#### Year 11 Hoodies have arrived

The Year 11 Leavers' hoodies have arrived and were given to students on Friday 17 March. Students are very excited about being able to wear them instead of their school blazer and it is nice to see them all wearing these. Students are allowed to wear their hoodies up to the start of the GCSE exams on Monday 15 May when all students must wear their blazers for the actual GCSE exams.

#### Year 11 Maths / English mocks and in-class assessments

Thank you for your support last week with the full mock exams in Maths and English. This week, there are still some on-going in-class assessments in other subject areas. Once staff have marked the mock papers and in-class assessments students will receive their results with feedback on their assessments so that they can make immediate improvements.

#### Year 11 Easter Revision Sessions

To further support your child in their preparation for their summer exams, the academy will open for a number of days over the Easter holidays. The academy will be open 3 to 5 April and will close on Maundy Thursday for the Easter holidays. The academy will re-open on 11 April to 13 April for more sessions. A letter outlining all of the arrangements for the Easter revision sessions will be sent to all parents whose children will be invited to attend.

#### Year 11 Prom

There are a number of fundraising activities going on in the academy as we try to raise some funds to spend on the little extras to make the prom extra special. Presently, Year 11 students are involved in running an Easter Egg raffle – a big thank you to these students.

#### Brain Tumor Awareness Day – 31 March 2023

March is brain tumor awareness month and we thought it would be a lovely idea to support this charity which is very close to our school community. On Friday 31 March, we are inviting students to '**Wear a hat**' to school, for a small donation.

Yours sincerely,



Clare Humble  
Headteacher