



July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Commitment = Success and Prom.

We are pleased with the current progress Year 10 are making. They have demonstrated engagement and focus during their mock assessments and have begun to make important preparations for Year 11.

Year 11 Commitment sessions

Starting in September (week 2), students will have 'commitment' sessions on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. These are important sessions to help students prepare for their exams. **The college day will finish at 3.30pm for Year 11 on these days.**

On a Tuesday all students will have Maths and Science commitment sessions which they must attend. On a Wednesday and Thursday students are expected to stay on site to work with their teachers in their option subjects. Students who are making good progress and are on track with their work may not be required to remain on site on a Wednesday and Thursday and they will be given permission to leave.

Some students who study Further Maths will also be required to attend on a Friday – Week B.

The Commitment Timetable for the Autumn Term is as follows:

	Tuesday All students	Wednesday Targeted students	Thursday Targeted students	Friday
Week A	Maths & Further Maths	Option subjects	Option subjects	
Week B	Science	Option subjects	Option subjects	Further Maths

The timetable will be updated following the Christmas break and we will communicate this to you.

We are informing families about commitment sessions now, in order that arrangements can be made in preparation for September. Students should not make routine medical appointments or other arrangements until after 3.30pm on these days. Childcare arrangements for younger siblings may need to be rearranged in order for Year 11 students to gain this support from their teachers.

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Evidence tells us that students who have good attendance and attend commitment sessions will be the most successful in their GCSE examinations.

Prom

The Year 11 Prom has been booked for Thursday 1st July 2027.

In order to be invited to Prom students **must** meet the following criteria:

- 1. 96% Attendance, including being punctual; (this equates to a maximum of 6 days absence).**
- 2. A good behaviour record;**
- 3. Show commitment to learning- full attendance to commitment sessions, and completion of home learning.**

Students who do not meet the criteria will not be eligible to buy a Prom ticket. They will be given regular updates so that they can determine whether they are eligible or not.

We urge parents and carers not to spend money on Prom outfits if they are unsure that their child will meet the criteria.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above then please contact Mrs Marshall.

May we take this opportunity to encourage Year 10 to now think about their targets and aspirations for next year. We also hope that they have a fun, safe and relaxing summer break before they return for Year 11.

Yours sincerely

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