



Dear Parent/Carer

At the start of year 11, we wanted to share with parents some important notices for the year group. Students have been informed about these items in assemblies, however, please ensure they have read this letter in order that they are reminded about this key information.

Key dates

17 th October	Y11 information evening P16 information evening
5 th December	Reports issued
9 th December (12 weeks away)	Y11 Mock Exams
23 rd January	Y11 Parents Evening (mock results issued)
7 th February	1-1 Interviews
20 th March	Y11 Examination Information Evening
27 th March	Final Report Issued
6 th May (27 weeks away)	Formal exam season begins (Practical sessions will begin before this)
21 st August	Results Day

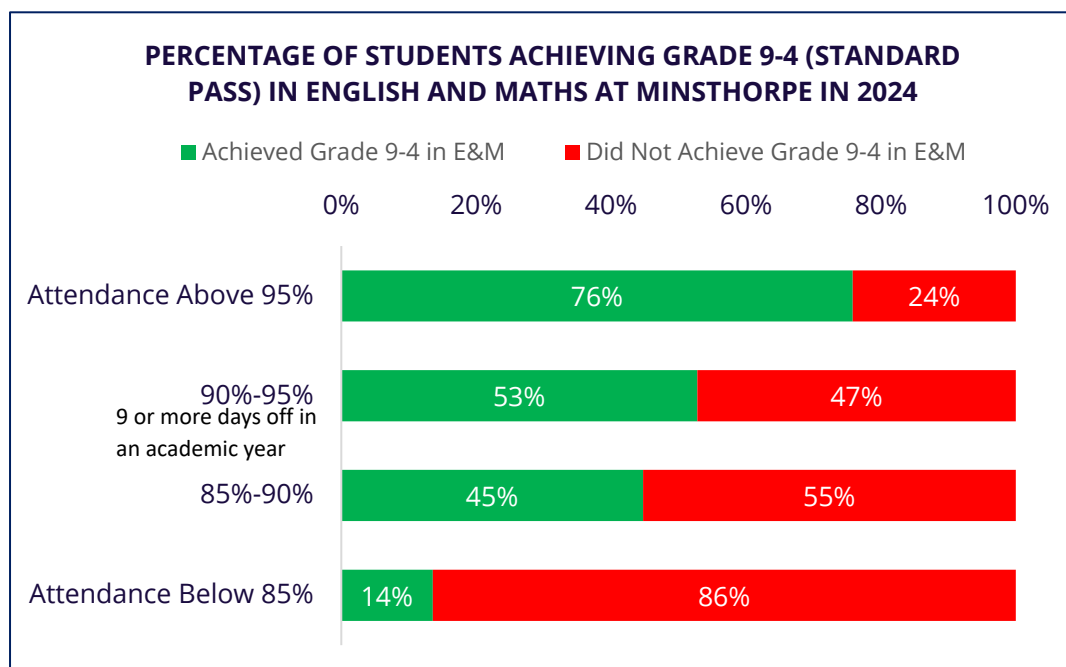
Attendance

Good attendance for all students is crucial but it is even more vital in year 11 as the clear link between good exam results and good attendance can be seen using the Year 11 GCSE exam results from this Summer. Students who attended over 95% (that means had less than 9 days absence from college) had a 76% of achieving a good pass in both English and Maths. This drops to less than 14% if attending less than 85%. At the start of a new academic year the priority for all students is to be in every lesson everyday. Even a small drop below 95% has a drastic effect on academic outcomes. Don't let poor attendance be the difference between your child having a range of options at Post 16 or one which has only limited ones.

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Commitment sessions

We are thrilled that students have engaged positively with their commitment sessions and are maximising this support. Please see below a reminder of the sessions.

	Tuesday All students	Wednesday Targeted students	Thursday Targeted students
Week A	Maths	Option B	Option E
Week B	Science	Option A	Option C

All students must attend the sessions on a Tuesday and students will be targeted for sessions on a Wednesday and Thursday. Please make arrangements for your child to finish at 3.30pm, on these days. Please ensure that medical appointments and other arrangements begin after this time. Messages will be sent home regarding the sessions on a Wednesday and Thursday and students can find the details regarding the sessions from their mentors or in the canteen.

Home Learning

Home learning is set on Satchel One and all parents have been given access to the App so that they can monitor the work their child is completing. If any parent needs support with this, then please contact the College so that we can help. In addition to home learning, students should be independently revising at home and completing past exam papers in order to prepare for exams. They should be regularly submitting work to their teachers in order that staff have evidence of the

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progress which students are making and can provide students with the necessary support to gain the best possible grades in the summer.

Mock exams

Year 11 mock exams will begin on December 9th and students should start revising for these now. If they are unsure regarding what to revise, then please encourage them to speak to their teachers.

Prom

The year 11 prom has been booked for Thursday 10th July at Burntwood Court Hotel. Please see below the criteria to attend prom.

- 1. 94% Attendance, including being punctual**
- 2. A good behaviour record**
- 3. Full attendance to Commitment sessions, including completing home learning**

We urge parents not to buy expensive prom outfits if they are unsure if their child will meet the criteria to attend.

May we take this opportunity to again thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions about the content of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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