



22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now reached the midway point of the exam period. I'd like to start by congratulating Year 11 on how they are tackling their exams. There is evidence of a great deal of revision from the pupils and their attitude when in school has been positive. Most have been happy with the papers they have sat, which is very encouraging.

Exam Leave

Starting Monday 1st June, all Year 11 pupils will be placed on study leave. This means that they only have to be in school for their exams and can leave afterward. Their teachers will still be in their classrooms during their timetabled lessons. This means that pupils can come into school to revise and ask advice from the teacher if they wish. However, this is not compulsory. Booster classes will still run as per the timetable and I would heavily encourage pupils to attend them. Students attending boosters will be registered in the booster session.

When pupils come into school (unless they have an exam) they must sign in and out at reception for health and safety reasons. When in school they must still wear school uniform. Failure to do so will mean they will be asked to leave the school site.

This decision has been taken with the aim of trying to cater for all needs. Many pupils and families have requested to be allowed to revise at home; while others still prefer to be in school. This way, it satisfies both groups.

Leavers' Assembly

Just a reminder that the Leavers' Assembly for Year 11 will be held on Thursday 18th June 2026 at 2.30pm. It will last around an hour. This will provide a final opportunity to share memories and say goodbye after five years with us.

It is with a great deal of regret that we have had to make this event for the pupils only. Previously parents were also able to attend. However, with rising pupil numbers in Year 11, we will exceed the capacity allowed for people to be safe in the Hall. Safety must always be our number one priority and even with one guest and a child, this number is exceeded. I know this may come as a disappointment to many of you but unfortunately, we have no choice. The pupils will still get to have the final day experience and mark the end of an era in their lives.

Prom

Prom will take place on Friday 26th June 2026 at Blakelands. This annual event is always a highlight of the school year and I know the pupils are looking forward to it. Tickets are still available in the Attendance Office just off Reception. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

I wish you a happy and restful half term.

Yours sincerely

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