

July 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

As your son/daughter moves from Y10 into Y11 there will be a great focus in school on working towards the GCSEs at the end of the year. Y11 will be the most important year of their school life and the stepping stone into a future career or further education.

Alongside exams there are things to look forward to at the end of the year. Leavers' hoodies can be purchased; a leavers assembly will be organised as well as the Prom. It is important for the students to understand that these events are a reward and not obligatory.

Over the past few years we have run a points system throughout Y11 for students to earn points for the right to attend Prom. We will be continuing this over the coming academic year. Your son/daughter will be provided with a Prom passport to look after throughout the year and gather the required amount of points. Points can be earned by:

- Good attendance (apart from in exceptional circumstances we expect all students to have an attendance percentage of at least 95% to allow them to attend the prom)
- Good behaviour
- Self – Study
- Attending Booster and Revision sessions (there will be a full programme running throughout the year)
- Going above and beyond what is expected
- Performance in the PPE (mock) exams in the winter term and the spring term

Points will be taken away for (the sanctions stated is not an exhaustive list):

- Arriving late (morning or afternoon)
- Missing intervention sessions
- Not completing work, homework or revision
- Poor behaviour and/or attitude

It is very important that both parents and students are aware that there are some 'red card' incidents that will take away the right to go to prom immediately. These are any student caught:

- Truancing from the academy or from lessons within school
- Smoking or vaping on the way to or from school
- Smoking or vaping on the school premises

Or any students who are:

- In Reflection (internal exclusion) on more than one occasion
- Excluded for any reason

Please try to avoid spending any money on Prom clothing, transport or anything else associated with the Prom until your son/daughter has earned the points through the passport.

Also, in regards to the purchasing of hoodies. These will only be handed over to students with no debts to the school. All books must be returned to the school library and all monies owed to the school kitchen must be paid.

Thank you for your cooperation in this and I look forward to meeting you soon and working closely with all the students in Y11 next year. I am sure that by working together we can support your son/daughter through what can be a difficult year in school; enabling them to achieve outstanding results and be prepared for their future education and employment.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Wilkinson

Y11 Coordinator