



Our ref: DHO/NIN

Date: 12.09.24

Student: «First_name» «Surname»

Dear «Parent_salutation»

Firstly, we'd like to take the opportunity to welcome you back from the summer break, and to introduce you to our fortnightly letter for parents/carers of Year 11 students. This will be one way of keeping you up to date with the developments, support strategies and information that will help your child in this important year. We hope that you find it useful.

Period 6 sessions

Period 6 sessions start next week. Initially, they will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3.15pm until 4.15pm. Attendance at these sessions is expected of all Year 11 students. We started this initiative to ensure that students have the very best guidance and support in their final year.

Passport to Prom

This year we re-launched the Passport to Prom reward initiative. Students will only be allowed to attend Prom if they have 100 points for their attendance at Period 6, and their attendance is above 90%. They will receive money off for points accumulated over 100.

Mock exams

These will run in the week commencing 4th November. It is a formal examination procedure and will provide us with the information that is needed to teach the students in the final few months. It will also be able to be used for college interviews and projected grades. Please make sure that your son/daughter has all the equipment needed for these exams.

Subject evenings

Appointments will soon be sent out for the Yr11 Subject Evening on 14th October – this is an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress. Bookings will soon be available via SchoolCloud.

Attendance

Attendance is always important – never more so than in Yr11. Studies show that attendance under 90% will cost students a grade in each subject at GCSE. Please encourage your child to attend, and to catch up on any work missed through absence.

Post 16 information and support

To support your child/young person with their next steps onto Further Education we will have the following providers hosting assemblies on the dates below. These assemblies will give you child/young person the opportunity to find out about the courses and facilities at these institutions and when their open days/evenings take place.

Monday 16 Sept– Abbeygate Sixth Form College
Monday 23 Sept – The Sixth Form, Colchester
Monday 30 Sept – One Sixth Form College
Monday 7 Oct - Colchester Institute
Monday 14 October - West Suffolk College
Monday 21 October - Suffolk New College
Monday 4 November – Hedingham Sixth Form
Monday 11 Nov – Thomas Gainsborough School

Career Guidance/Next Steps meetings

Our Academy Careers Adviser Miss Boreham will be arranging meetings with all Year 11 students to help support them with their career journeys and their next steps onto Further Education or Apprenticeships. If you would like to attend a meeting with your child/young person, please email hboreham@ormstionsudbury.co.uk

Yours sincerely



Mr D Howkins – Vice Principal



Mr N Bloom – Head of Year 11