



Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 11 Exams / Reminders During the Lead Up to Christmas

This week we have seen the start of our mock examinations window for our Year 11 cohort. We are really excited to see the excellent progress and effort that our students have put into these assessments. The follow-up work with teachers after the fortnight will mean that students have even greater clarity about the areas for development, and further confidence about knowing how their exams in the summer will look and feel.

Attendance

Students are expected to be in school at all times throughout the duration of their mock exams. When not in an exam, students are required to attend lessons. Teachers have planned active revision lessons to help support students with the content and exam skills that will be vital in helping them succeed. If your child has a medical appointment this needs to be communicated to our Attendance Officer in advance with confirmation of the appointment.

Friday 28th November

Although there are no formal mock examinations on Friday 28th November, this is a normal school day for our Year 11 students. We will start the morning with a small celebration event to recognise the hard work and efforts that students will have demonstrated before then. Following the celebration event normal teaching will resume and content included on that day, and all others will be building towards the summer assessments. Therefore, attendance on Friday 28th November is compulsory like any other school day.

Recognising success

A key part of the Year 11 journey is celebrating the impressive efforts that we see from Year 11 students every year. As we build towards the end of year celebrations, including our annual celebration assembly and our prom, we also want to recognise students who have been demonstrating our school values. Throughout the coming months we will be celebrating students by:

- Issuing regular achievement points, thank you slips and praise from staff as usual
- Holding a series of prize raffles at the end of Term 2 (Christmas), Term 3 (February Half Term) and Term 4 (Easter), to recognise the following:
 - 100% attendance in a single term
 - Most improved attendance from the previous term



- Engagement with after school opportunities (including Thursday revision sessions)
- Positive school weeks without any negative events
- Rewarding the tutor groups with the highest number of achievement points and engagement with after school opportunities (determined based on points per student)
- Running a 'Build up to Christmas' competition in the final three weeks of this term. This includes:
 - Students receive a (virtual) raffle ticket for every day they are in school, from the 15 possible days
 - Students receive an additional (virtual) raffle ticket for each week they are in school (3 possible weeks)
 - Students receive an additional (virtual) raffle ticket for being in school for all of the 15 days
 - Students receive an additional (virtual) raffle ticket for gaining 5 or more achievement points per week
 - This means that students could receive up to 22 (virtual) raffle tickets during this competition

Prizes for the competitions and rewards listed above include gift cards, discounted prom tickets and other prizes donated to us by local companies including representatives from Oxford United Football Club.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Gannon
Head of Year 11