



Date, 11th September 2026

Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers,

As your child finishes their first full week of Year 11, I am delighted to formally write to you and introduce myself as Assistant Principal responsible for 'The Class of 2027'. It is a genuine privilege to be working with this year group, who I have been getting to know well over the last few months. They are a truly fantastic group of young people, and I am committed to supporting each and every one of them to make the very most of their final year with us and leave school next summer with the best possible GCSE results they are capable of.



As you will know, Castle View Academy is on a very exciting journey and the GCSE results achieved this summer by the Class of 2026 demonstrate just how rapidly the school is improving. **We are proud to now be the second highest-performing non-selective school in Portsmouth, and the evidence is now absolutely clear: when students are in our school, attending regularly and engaging in their learning, we help them achieve exceptional outcomes and access the next steps that are right for them.** Attendance and punctuality to school in Year 11 is therefore more important than it has ever been - every morning intervention, lesson and revision session attended will nudge students closer to their goals and set them up for the future they deserve.

Ms Abbott (Head of Year 11) and I have been hugely impressed by what we have seen from Year 11 so far. The vast majority of students are arriving on time every day, engaging positively with their learning and conducting themselves with maturity and respect. It has been a fantastic start to the year. Within this newsletter, there is a dedicated section celebrating some of the successes we have already seen during the first week. I would love to be able to celebrate every student over the course of the year, and I know there will be many more achievements to recognise in the months ahead.

If there is anything we can do to support your child throughout Year 11, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or Ms Abbott. We know how much of an impact support from home has on students in Year 11 and we are confident that together we can ensure that every student in this wonderful cohort is given the best possible chance of success.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to working with you and your child throughout the year.

Yours faithfully,

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Dates for your diary

Week commencing 21st September – Year 11 Period 5s will begin -timetable to follow next week.

Thursday 22nd October – Year 11 First Push Evening – compulsory attendance for all Year 11 students and parents. More details to follow.

Celebrating success

Bethany W – Recognised for her AMBITION- Bethany has been proactive at handing in work completed over summer to staff for feedback – well done.

Danni W – Recognised for DETERMINATION – Danni has shown resilience this week even when things have felt tough – we are proud of you!

Lawrence M – Recognised for RESPECT - multiple staff have commented on Lawrence's positivity, politeness and lesson focus this week.

Eva H - Recognised for AMBITION - Eva has worked hard over the summer to get ahead with her English Literature content. Well done to Eva.

Skyla W - Recognised for DETERMINATION - For showing great academic maturity and working hard in and after lessons.

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