



Date, 25th September 2026

Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers,

As we move further into the term, I continue to be impressed by the positive attitude and commitment being shown by so many members of Year 11. It has been another successful fortnight and there is much to celebrate.

Our Period 5 intervention programme has got off to an excellent start, and I have been delighted to see so many students attending the sessions they have been invited to. What has been even more encouraging is the number of students who have voluntarily asked to attend additional sessions. I have also received several emails and phone calls from parents requesting extra intervention opportunities for their child. It is fantastic to see that the importance of Year 11 has clearly landed with both students and families. Every additional hour of learning completed now will help students move closer to achieving their goals next summer.



I have also been extremely impressed by the commitment many students are showing towards their learning at home. Across a range of subjects, students are completing homework to a high standard and establishing positive study habits early in the year. The link between consistent work at home and strong GCSE outcomes is clear, and students who begin building these routines now place themselves in the strongest possible position for success.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind families about the importance of punctuality. Our school day starts at 8:30 - important messages are given out at every roll call and then Year 11 students delve straight into additional Maths or English every morning in small intervention groups. Arriving late to school means missing vital information and learning opportunities that cannot easily be recovered. While the vast majority of students are arriving on time and ready to learn, every minute matters in Year 11 and we ask all students and parents to make punctuality a priority.

Our Year 11 motto, "Choices Change Futures", is something we will speak about regularly this year, and already we are seeing many students making fantastic choices every day. Choosing to attend interventions, complete homework, arrive on time and engage positively with learning may seem like small decisions, but these choices will have a significant impact on future opportunities. We are proud of the mature approach so many students are taking and look forward to seeing the progress they continue to make throughout the year.

Finally, I am excited to share that over the next few weeks we have different local further education providers coming into assemblies to speak about the opportunities they have on offer. We invite the providers in at this time of year because college applications will open soon and we want our students to be armed with all the information they need to make successful applications. Mrs Abbott is available to help with any questions or concerns about next steps for the students when they leave school - this is an important and exciting process for our young people and we look forward to hearing about their applications and choices.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. The partnership between home and school is vital in Year 11, and together we can ensure every student has the very best chance of success.

Mrs Tribe



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Spotlight on English

As we begin an important year for our Year 11 students, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to share some key information about English. English is an essential subject for Year 11. Achieving a strong English qualification is one of the most important outcomes for students as they leave school. Success in English opens many doors and provides the choices needed to shape students' futures – those who leave school without a Grade 4 or above in English Language will need to resit with a further education provider.



I would like to praise our Year 11 students for demonstrating a mature attitude to learning in their English lessons. Currently, students are covering the Power & Conflict poems they need to know for their Paper 2 Literature mock exam. They have approached lessons with focus and an understanding of how crucial their learning is in Year 11. The English team are highly impressed by the positive start they have made to their final year.

In addition to their commitment to lessons, Year 11 have shown a real dedication to completing their homework to a high standard and ensuring this is handed in on time. Each week the students are given a paper-based language analysis exam question which they need to complete in their English homework books. I am also sending digital copies of the homework to students and parents each week. By regularly practising their language analysis skills, students are strengthening their ability to gain marks across all examination papers, making homework an excellent opportunity to improve their overall grades in both Literature and Language.

To further support students in their revision for the upcoming mocks, the English team will be running Period 5s on Thursdays and Fridays of every week. These will be a chance for students to come and revise poetry content and practise essay planning and writing with the support of an English teacher.

Please do get in touch if you require any support or information about English.

Best,

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Dates for your diary

'Walking Talking mocks' for English and Maths in lessons on 12th and 14th October - information will be shared in Maths and English lessons.

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

Y11 Mock Exams Thursday 5th November - Friday 20th November

Celebrating Y11s

Saleh S for AMBITION - Saleh is relentlessly ambitious in lessons to produce work to the best of his ability - this attitude will take him far in life!

Beau B for DETERMINATION - Beau has shown great focus in his English lessons this week and has been attending additional learning to make sure he fills any knowledge gaps. Keep it up!

Rio S for RESPECT - Rio is always polite and respectful in school and approaches her learning sensibly and respectfully. Well done Rio.

Miruna G for AMBITION - Miruna goes above and beyond in all her subjects, completing plenty of independent learning at home to make sure stretches and challenges herself.

Richard M for AMBITION - Richard won a Portsmouth Youth Award for an outstanding work experience placement - this is an exceptional achievement for him and has made all of us at CVA very proud.

Lillian R for DETERMINATION - Lilly is an exceptionally resilient student who is determined to be her best every day. Well done Lilly.

Katelyn G for DETERMINATION - Katelyn has shown great resilience this week and multiple staff have commented on her efforts to catch up and keep up.

Yours faithfully,

Rebecca Tribe

Raising Standards Lead, Class of 2027



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