

Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Time is passing quickly, and your child is close to already completing half of their time in year 11. With the Christmas break, February half-term and the Easter holidays taking place between now and the GCSE exams, we only have around 20 school weeks left.

Like you, we want our students in year 11 to do their very best in their GCSE exams and to best support them with this, we are going to alter the school day slightly from next week. As you will see below, it is more vital than ever that your child arrives on time to school ready for learning.

From next week (week commencing 27th November):

- We are going to start the school day for year 11 a few minutes earlier at 8.15am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (The start time for other year groups will not change). Rather than having tutor time, year 11 will now have a taught lesson every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in their options subjects. They will also do Religious studies every other Friday morning.
- Morning line up for year 11 on those 4 days will not take place and all year 11 will be expected to go straight to their classrooms.
- All other lessons during the school day will take place as normal.

Our intention is to ensure year 11 are learning at every possible opportunity during the hours they are already in school. I am aware we have increased the school day by 10 minutes a day but this will allow all subjects to really prepare your child for their exams and therefore their futures.

We have updated all the timetables for year 11 to start with this new routine on Monday and you should be able to access these via the Arbor app. We will also issue year 11 with printed versions of their new timetables on Monday morning.

Yours sincerely

J. Maybury

John Maybury
Vice Principal