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Dear Parents and Carers

A crucial term's work for Year 11

It was lovely to mark the end of last term with the Carol concert and Christmas lunch before our results afternoon. The students were so keen to know how they had done and many of them were pleased with the exam grades achieved in their internal exams. I hope everyone has enjoyed some celebrations and relaxation over the Christmas break. Thank you for supporting your child with managing their time, to rest and study, over Christmas and New Year. Teachers will now be checking and rewarding completion of the important homework tasks set for the recent break.

As we begin intensive preparations for the GCSE exams, starting after Easter, I am writing to invite you to our **Final Push evening on Thursday 18 January from 6 – 7.30pm**. This event is always popular with parents and students. GCSEs have changed a lot since we/parents were at school. You will gain a clear understanding of what the current GCSEs demand of pupils and how to prepare for exam questions. After a short overview from me, you will be divided into smaller groups attending a carousel of hands-on sessions, to gain the full student experience! Our Directors of English, maths, and science will lead mini lessons where you will see what your child needs to master for success at GCSE, so you know how to best support them.

Before the 6pm start in the College theatre, senior staff will be meeting with selected students and their parents for a single face-to-face appointment regarding progress in all subjects. You will be contacted separately if your child is included in this earlier part of the Success Evening.

This year, we are challenging all Year 11 students to earn their invitation to Prom 2024. As the cohort is working so well, we have already increased the size of our booking at Old Thorns for the evening of 4 July. Please remember to check your son/daughter's prom ranking on Arbor, under reports. Do contact us if you have concerns. The best way for students to improve their points score is through excellent attendance, punctuality, conduct in class and by completing homework.

Year 11 students have a very demanding few months ahead of them, with practice exams, homework and regular revision to do. It is our expectation that students complete 30 minutes of online study on Seneca for science and 30 minutes of Sparx for maths every day this term, in addition to the homework we set on Arbor, as Mr. Edwards explained in assembly today. The recent grades from the November exams show much promise. We want to work with you to support both students' wellbeing and progress towards GCSE results they can be proud of. I do hope you will join us with your Year 11 child for the Final Push Evening on 18 January.

With best wishes for a happy new year 2024.

Yours sincerely

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