



# YEAR 11 MATTERS

Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers,

We'd like to say a huge Well Done to our Year 11 students at the end of this very long term! The students have risen to so many challenges and impressed us with their resilience.

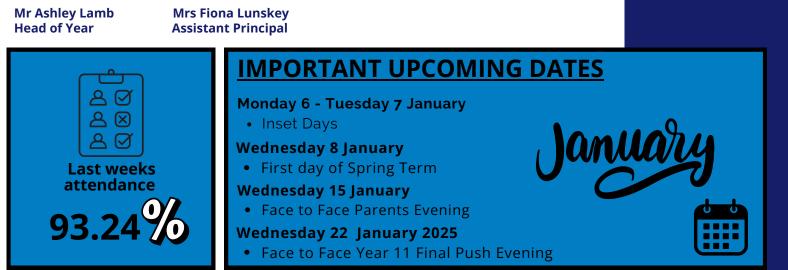
To help students get used to sitting exams, use their time well and refine their technique, students at MRC do sit a large number of exams, especially in Year 11. Our exam invigilators always say how well this year group conduct themselves. Thorough preparation for exams is vital; we are pleased with students' dedication and grateful to parents for their support.

Year 11 students have shown us many talents this term from fine art to orchestra and playing on the sports field. It was wonderful to be entertained by our musicians and singers at this week's carol service and the recent Winter Concert.

The Class of 2025 must also plan for the future. Earlier this term, we accompanied over 100 Year 11 students on two University Saturday visits and everyone attended some taster lessons to help with Year 12 choices too. We look forward to meeting each student about their plans in the new term.

Year 11 students and their families certainly deserve to relax now and enjoy Christmas before getting ready for next term. We send season's greetings and look forward to making 2025 a success for you all.

Thank you for your continued support.



20 December 2024

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#### 1. Results Day

On Tuesday we continued with MRC traditions. Year 11 attended the annual carol service before enjoying a Christmas lunch together with their tutors. After lunch, students had time in assembly to reflect on their efforts with the recent mock exams before finding out their current grades. Whilst many students were of course delighted with their grades, other students did have to confront some disappointing grades. We urge everyone to attend Parents Evening on 15 January to discuss their individual goals and priorities, so that next term is as productive and positive as possible.

#### 2. Dates For Your January Dairy

Once we return to College after the Christmas break, we begin a final, crucial term with Year 11. The last full term of work and learning before GCSE exams begin after Easter. We look forward to meeting parents/carers and students on both 15 and 22 January in College, to support students' successful preparation.

At Parents Evening, you will have short meetings with each subject teacher. Please bear in mind that teachers may have a lot of appointments to get through. We must keep to our 5-minute slots to ensure appointments are not missed.

For more detailed information and longer conversations about core subjects, we invite Year 11 students and their families to attend the "Final Push" evening on Wednesday 22 January. At this event the Directors of maths, English and science will involve everyone in a carousel of hands-on activities. Directors will show you the sort of questions that come up at GCSE, how to prepare and answer these well. Students always impress us at this event. They enjoy putting their parents to the test as we all get involved in suggesting model answers for exam questions. The Final Push event allows your child to show you some of the breadth and depth of content they need to master by May! Mrs Lunskey and Mr Lamb will talk about how to support your child over the last few, vital months and be available for questions.

Do put these two dates on your new 2025 calendar. We look forward to seeing you soon!

#### **3. Festive Rewards**

Well over half of the year group qualified for the cinema reward afternoon on Wednesday this week. We wanted to recognise students' hard work and determination to do their practice papers last half-term, whilst also rewarding consistently good attendance and punctuality to College. It was very nice to see students enjoying "Elf" with a bag of popcorn too.

We will soon invite a smaller number of students on the January trip to Flip Out in Chichester. Eligible students will have maintained the highest standards in all areas throughout the autumn term and certainly deserve an outing!



Respect, happiness, achievement

### Year 11 Christmas Lunch













## **Results Day**













