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# YEAR 11 MATTERS

Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers,

We hope the students will enjoy a good rest and some leisure time with friends and family over half term. Students are expected to do 60-90 minutes of homework per subject next week as well. This should be very doable in nine days with a bit of forward planning. As usual, we have given students a small planning sheet on which to work out when they will be out having fun or enjoying a lie-in first. Then they add in their chosen times for study. Teachers will have set homework to help you child prepare for the second set of Mock exams starting in March.

Learners are all different; your child may decide to do some work each morning and enjoy free afternoons. Or they may choose a later start time, or even a bit of study in the evenings. Whilst it is tempting to put off the necessary studies until the last day of the half term, this is not helpful for good progress or a harmonious homelife! Thank you for helping your son or daughter structure their time so they can come back for their final full half term, before their GCSE exams, feeling confident and refreshed.

We look forward to seeing students on Wednesday 19 February at 9.30am if you have booked them onto our Study day. Don't forget you can access any of the past webinars from Elevate Education to watch with your child if you missed them. Topics include note taking and planning. The link to the webinars can be found [Here](#)

Thank you for your continued support.

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Last weeks attendance

**91.9%**

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

28 February 2025

- Last day to order 2025 hoodie

3 March 2025

- Second round of Mock exams start

20 March 2025

- Gilbert Hannam - Church service and Awards evening

31 March 2025

- Elevate Education - Face to Face workshop - Exam preparation

February  
&  
March



# 1. End of Keystage Hoodie

To mark the end of Key Stage 4, we are delighted to offer every student in Year 11 the opportunity to purchase a Class of 2025 End of Keys Stage hoodie. This is a wonderful keepsake to celebrate their time in secondary school. The hoodies will have a large '25' design on the back, containing the names of all the students in your child's year group, and will feature the school logo on the front. Students can pick from a variety of different colours.

They will also have the option to personalise their hoodie with a name/nickname if they wish.

Cost of a hoodie is £20.00. If your child would like to order a hoodie, please place your order by Friday 28 February 2025 by clicking [HERE](#).

Orders will be delivered directly to the school.



# 2. Summer Term Diary Dates

Year 11 students, parents and carers may soon wish to start planning for the long summer ahead once the 2025 GCSE exams are over. So here is an overview of the plans for May and June at MRC.

We return from the Easter break on Wednesday 23 April. The students will have just over a fortnight of normal lessons. This period also contains a bank holiday on the 5 May and a few early exams such as all-day practical exams and/or MFL speaking exams.

From Monday 12 May, the exam season begins in earnest. Students must attend every exam and all lessons between exams. Students will need to be punctual, ready to attend a "Blaster" session before the morning exam. Breakfast will be offered at 8.15am, free of charge, to the students every morning before a core subject GCSE exam is scheduled. Correct school uniform must be worn to exams. After two hectic weeks, there is a break for half-term from 26 - 30 May, to rest and prepare for the next phase of exams starting on Mon 2 June.

At MRC we expect our Year 11 students to attend exams and lessons right through the most intense period of GCSE papers. Parents and carers may remember going on "study leave" years ago. However, this does not support effective revision. Neither is it a practical or safe arrangement for a College which serves such a large, rural catchment area. We know our teachers can guide the students through revision more effectively in lessons and help them use the time well in College.

We always mark the end of the exams with a celebration assembly, after a lunch together, provided for students and Year 11 staff. We arrange this event for a date when most students have finished exams. The farewell assembly will be on Friday 13 June for the Class of 2025. After this date, students should only come into College for blasters and exams (in correct school uniform) set for Monday 16 June or later. After this, we will see students for our Sixth Form transition days and our Prom, all in early July.

## 3. Elevate Education

### Spring Term Webinar Schedule

#### **How to Help Your Child Improve Their Note Taking**

*Learn how your child can take their notes in a more effective way, improving their memory **and** saving them time.*



#### **How You Can Make Technology an Ally (Not the Enemy!)**

*With more and more schoolwork being set online, we'll show you how you can utilise all the **good** parts of tech - and remove the bad.*



#### **How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams**

*We'll show you what kinds of work your child should (and should not) be doing in the run-up to exam season.*



#### **How You Can Support Your Child During Exams**

*Learn how to help your child manage overwhelm, stress, and anxiety during exam season.*

