



December 18

Dear Parent/Carer

Ref: Year 11 – Spring Term

We've had a very busy term for Year 11 students. I've been very proud of the way many students have responded to the pressures and focus of the year, particularly through the mock examinations period.

Dates

Looking forward to the start of the Spring Term, I would like to draw your attention to some key dates:

- **10/01/19 - Teach Your Parents English (Part 2)**
- **17/01/19 - Year 11 Parents' Evening**
- **W/C 25/02/19 - Year 11 Mock Exams (selected subjects)**
- **08/03/19 - Year 11 Photos**
- **13/05/19 - 18/06/19 GCSE Exams**
- **18/06/19 - Year 11 Graduation, University of Sussex**
- **05/07/19 – Prom, The Grand Hotel, Brighton**

Revision

I hope that students have a restful break as they certainly deserve it. I would encourage you to have conversations with students about their revision habits now, in order to ensure that they are a well-established routine by the time the next set of exams come around again. More information on revision guidance can be found on the school website under **Learning > Revision**.

As a result of student and staff feedback we will be hosting a day for Year 11 students in which we will cover different revision techniques and methods and strategies for dealing with exam anxiety. Should you have any concerns about your child, please do contact their Form Tutor to ensure that we can look at appropriate support for them before we approach the exam season.

Prom

Prom will be held on the 5th of July this year at the prestigious Grand Hotel in Brighton. Students who have attendance above 96% will be invited to attend this event. This is something that has been communicated to students for a number of weeks now.

Exceptions will only be made in the case of mitigating circumstances (chronic illness/bereavement). If students are worried about being invited to attend the event, please ask them to discuss their concerns with their Form Tutor in the first instance.

Graduation

Graduation will be held at The University of Sussex on the 18th June. Students who meet the criteria for graduation will be invited closer to the time. The requirements for each stage of graduation was shared with students in assembly at the start of the year and can also be found on the school website.

Piercings

Please let me take the opportunity to highlight that no facial piercings are allowed, apart from one small stud in each ear. If your child would like to have a piercing, please advise them to wait until after the exam period to ensure that this does not impact on their learning time.

I look forward to welcoming students back on **Thursday 3rd January at 08:30**. I hope you and your family have a restful and happy holiday.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Mackay', with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Mackay
Head of Year 11