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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the first full week of this academic year, I wanted to take the opportunity to write to you to congratulate our Year 11 students on the positive start they have made to their final year at school.

It has been wonderful to see students returning with a mature attitude, high levels of engagement in lessons and a clear determination to make the most of the important year ahead. Staff have commented positively on students' focus, attendance, punctuality and readiness to learn, helping to create a positive and purposeful atmosphere.

We know that success in Year 11 is achieved through a strong partnership between school, students and parents, and I would like to thank you for the support you have already provided in ensuring that your child has started the year positively and is fully prepared for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share with you the Year 11 Student Contract, which outlines the responsibilities and commitments we expect from our students during their senior year, alongside the rewards and privileges they can expect from us. These expectations include maintaining excellent attendance and punctuality, completing independent study, engaging fully in lessons and demonstrating positive conduct at all times. By working together, we can ensure that every student has the very best chance of success. Please take the time to read the attached contract and discuss it with your child. Your support in reinforcing these expectations will play an important role in helping them achieve their full potential this year.

I would also like to remind families that an invitation to the End of Year 11 Prom is a privilege that is earned by students, and not an automatic entitlement. For many of our students, the prom is the highlight of the school year and a wonderful opportunity for students and staff to celebrate the completion of GCSE examinations together. Attendance at the prom, however, along with participation in the final-day leavers' celebrations, is conditional upon students consistently meeting the expectations outlined in the Year 11 Student Contract. Students who do not meet these expectations throughout the year may, unfortunately, forfeit the opportunity to attend these events.

Finally, I would like to remind you about the Year 11 Information Evening taking place next week. This event will provide important information about the year ahead, examinations, revision strategies, key dates, intervention opportunities and ways in which parents can



effectively support their child at home. We strongly encourage all families to attend, as it will help ensure that students receive consistent support throughout this crucial year.

As a reminder, the event will take place on Wednesday 16 September at 6.00pm in the school's Main Hall. If you are able to attend, please complete the Microsoft Form linked [here](#). Year 11 is both an exciting and demanding year, but I am incredibly encouraged by the start our students have made. We look forward to working closely with you over the coming months as we support our students in achieving an excellent set of GCSE outcomes and preparing successfully for sixth form, college and their future aspirations beyond school.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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