



WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

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Year 11 – Spring Term

Dear Parent/Guardian

Happy New Year to you all, and a warm welcome to what is for many a penultimate term at William Farr School. Last term was busy, with mock exams at the forefront, and you should be aware of results by now. These results, combined with the Autumn data point and information from Parents' Evening will provide a strong indicator as to suitability of post 16 options.

We continue to focus a lot of energy into post 16 plans; all students should now have a CV and a Personal Statement that they can use for applications and have been offered a careers interview. I cannot stress enough the need for pupils to have a 'back up plan', even when their heart is set on one option. Independent careers advice is always available to all students to help with the best options. Following our Sixth Form Information Evening on **Thursday 25 January**, details of how to apply to our Sixth Form will be published. Year 11 tutors and I are always happy to provide a reference in support of next steps.

This term in PSHE we are looking at first aid skills, mental health communication, revision techniques, relationships, and young drivers. We are very fortunate to be supported by external speakers in some of these sessions, helping to equip our students with skills and knowledge for life.

This term is also due to be a busy one for careers at William Farr. In February we celebrate our World of Work week, where students will listen to speakers from Further Education Colleges and alternative education providers, as well as hearing from big local employers like the Lincolnshire Co-op and National Grid. During the week, all lessons will have a careers focus and students should be able to link each subject to a future possible job role or roles. At the beginning of March, we are holding our Careers Fair, which all students will attend and where they will have the opportunity to talk to a wide range of employers, colleges and universities. We hope that students will take the chance to learn about possible future careers and broaden their knowledge of further and higher education opportunities.

We have been busy working with students on leavers' preparations with hoodies having arrived and now looking to the Yearbook and Leavers' Day. Yearbooks need to be ordered online as per the letter that went out around 18 January. It is essential that orders are placed in plenty of time so that students do not miss out. **There will only be one order** and students will **not** be able to place orders after **25 February 2024**. All orders must be placed directly with the online shop at Fizz; unfortunately, we are unable to take any payments within school. **To place an order, please visit the following website: <https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk/>** Our School Unique ID is: **27685YR11**.

The Prom is booked for **Wednesday 10 July** at Hemswell Court. Further information on this, and other plans for leavers' events, will come out throughout the remainder of the year. Please note though, that invitation to the Prom should not be taken for granted and continued poor behaviour might result in barred attendance.

We also have a whole year group photograph and individual photographs on 31 January which you will be able to purchase if you wish.

With exams in mind, preparation and revision is key and I know a lot of students have made a really good start, little but often on this. We have a **Striving for Excellence Evening on Thursday 8 February** which is an opportunity for parents to come and get some ideas on how best to support with exams and revision.

Here are also some websites which support with stress and mental well-being:

- www.kooth.com
- <https://www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people/lincolnshire/young-people/i-need-more-help/healthy-minds-lincolnshire>
- www.youngminds.org.uk
- <https://teenagehelpline.org.uk/>

Thank you for your continued support during this vital year and please email me should you have any queries related to Year 11 or post 16 options.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Hanson', followed by a period.

Mrs E Hanson
Head of Year 11