



# WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

Our ref: KXE/TA

September 2025

## Year 11 – The New Term

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome back to the final year of what has been an incredible journey. This is the year where all the hard work and dedication your child has shown over the past four years will pay off. It has been fantastic to see Year 11 return with such a strong work ethic and a clear focus on their goals. Thank you for the support you have given them over the summer to set them up for a positive start to the year.

### Dates:

<b>Thursday 25 September</b>	Open Evening
<b>Friday 26 September</b>	INSET
<b>Tuesday 21 October</b>	Post-16 morning
<b>Monday 17 - Friday 21 November</b>	Mocks
<b>Tuesday 9 December</b>	Mock Results
<b>Wednesday 14 January</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>Thursday 22 January</b>	Sixth Form Open Evening
<b>Thursday 12 February</b>	Striving for Excellence Evening
<b>End of March</b>	Year 11 Report
<b>Tuesday 5 May</b>	Leaves Day
<b>Wednesday 24 - Friday 26 June</b>	Sixth Form Induction Days
<b>Early July</b>	Prom

### PSHE:

This year, our main focus is supporting students as they prepare for life beyond Year 11, with a strong emphasis on exploring Post-16 pathways. Alongside this, we will continue to cover key topics such as health, wellbeing, and relationships, ensuring students are equipped for the future.

### Post-16:

Students should continue gathering evidence for their Progress Files in preparation for Sixth Form, college, or apprenticeship interviews. It is also important to begin monitoring the dates of college and Sixth Form open events, as applications will need to be submitted by Christmas 2025.

### Attendance and Punctuality:

As you are aware, we expect all students to maintain an attendance rate of 96% or above. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that their child attends school regularly and on time. Both myself and the school's Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Chatterton, are here to support you and your child should any challenges around attendance arise. Punctuality to both school and lessons is equally important, as it ensures your child can fully access their learning without disrupting the education of others.

### Uniform:

Please can I ask for your continued support in ensuring that our uniform expectations are consistently upheld. A positive start to the day is so important, and ensuring students leave home dressed appropriately helps set the right tone for learning. If a student arrives at school in incorrect uniform, they will be required to borrow spare uniform

provided by the school. In such cases, we will also contact you and request that the correct uniform is brought into school.

**Equipment and Homework:**

Please can I also ask for your support in ensuring that your child comes to school fully equipped each day — this includes having the necessary stationery, a refillable water bottle, and a suitable school bag. Homework remains a vital part of their learning this year, as it supports both GCSE exam preparation and the completion of coursework. We encourage you to help your child develop positive study habits and routines; while also ensuring they make time for rest and extra-curricular activities to maintain a healthy balance. If no specific homework has been set, students should be using that time productively to begin revising.

**Safeguarding:**

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of our students this is of paramount importance. I would like to remind you that we will not tolerate any child-on-child abuse, which can include bullying, physical abuse, sexual violence and harassment and misogyny. We do not accept excuses such as 'banter', 'part of growing up', 'it was for a laugh'. We do not accept body shaming, sexting (consensual and non-consensual sharing of nude images and semi-nude images and videos). All reports of any of the above will be investigated and dealt with in line with school policy. Students' online behaviour also continues to be a priority, and we do a lot of work educating students on keeping themselves safe, but we would appreciate parents and carers monitoring their child's online presence and to report to the police any concerns. If you would like any further information on this, or any other safeguarding matters, please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mr Muir, Assistant Headteacher or Miss Griffiths, the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, in school.

If you are concerned about your child's emotional wellbeing, there is support available. You can call the Here4You Helpline ([0800 234 6342](tel:08002346342)) which is NHS support service that will be able to point you in the right direction to get the support your child needs. It is normal, as we start Key Stage 4 courses, for students to think about their future. We will continue to support students in school to build their resilience and develop their coping mechanisms.

I am absolutely delighted to be working with the year group again this year. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any concerns. My email is [k.ewing@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:k.ewing@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk). As part of our commitment to supporting staff workload and wellbeing, I will endeavour to respond to emails within 3 working days. Emails should be written in line with the Parent Code of Conduct as shown on the school website under the Governors section.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to working with you in partnership again this year.

Yours faithfully



**Miss K Ewing**  
**Head of Year 11**