



WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

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Year 11

Dear Parent/Guardian

Spring Term

I would like to extend a warm welcome back after the Christmas holidays and wish you all a Happy New Year. This is a busy and important term for Year 11 as they complete their GCSE courses and focus on revision, with only a few weeks remaining before the exams begin. Using their mock results, report cards and feedback from Parents' Evening, students should now have a clear understanding of what they need to do to meet or exceed their target grades.

Key dates:

- Thursday 12 February – Striving for Excellence Evening**
- Sunday 15 February – Hoodies deadline**
- Sunday 15 February – Yearbook deadline**
- Monday 23 February – William Farr Sixth Form application deadline**
- Friday 6 March – Careers Fair**
- Friday 24 April – Prom Ticket deadline**
- Tuesday 5 May – Leavers Day**
- Tuesday 7 July - Prom**

Preparation and revision are key to students' success in their exams this summer. Mr Gayfer, Deputy Headteacher, will be running a 'Striving for Excellence' evening on Thursday 12 February, which I highly recommend both students and parents attend. This event provides a valuable opportunity for parents to gain practical ideas on how best to support their child with revision and exam preparation.

If you have any concerns about your child's progress in a certain subject, please do not hesitate to contact the Head of Faculty.

Here are 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

We continue to support students in finalising their post-16 plans. All students should now have at least two options that they have applied for or are in the process of applying for. Applications to William Farr Sixth Form are now open, with a closing date of Monday 23 February.

Over the next couple of weeks, students will have a mentoring session with their tutor to discuss post-16 options and, if needed they can request a careers appointment. Year 11 tutors and I are always happy to provide references to support students' next steps. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions regarding your child's post-16 options or applications.

This term in PSHE, students will be covering mental health, revision techniques, relationships, and young drivers. We are very fortunate to have support from external speakers for some of these sessions, helping to equip students

with valuable skills and knowledge for life beyond school. We will also be hosting our annual Careers Fair on Friday 6 March. Year 11 students should use this as another key opportunity to explore post-16 options and potential career pathways.

There is still time to order a Yearbook and Leavers' Hoodie. The deadline for orders is midnight on Sunday 15 February 2026. Please note that this is a strict deadline as orders are placed through an external company, so we are unable to accept late requests.

Orders must be placed via the Fizz online shop:

<https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk/>

Our school's unique ID is **27685YR11**.

The Year 11 Prom has been booked for Tuesday 7 July at Market Rasen Racecourse. If you have not yet paid the non-refundable deposit of £15 and your child would still like to attend, please let me know as soon as possible. The final payment of £40 is due by Friday 24 April. All payments need to be made on ParentPay.

As explained in my previous letter, the ticket price does not include additional items such as decorations, lighting, sound equipment, or a DJ. To help cover these extras, we have been fundraising in school; however, the cost of these additions is significant. We would therefore be very grateful for any voluntary contributions you feel able to make to help make the evening special.

Thank you very much to those who have already generously contributed, your support is greatly appreciated.

We are currently running a whole-school drive to improve punctuality to school and lessons. I would be grateful for your support in regularly checking MCAS and reminding your child of the importance of arriving to lessons on time. Being punctual ensures students do not miss out on valuable learning time and helps to avoid disruption to others. Please ensure your child arrives at school fully equipped and ready to learn before 9.00am each day. If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please ensure the school is informed as soon as possible.

I would also like to ask for your support with our uniform policy during this penultimate term. As Year 11 students are role models for the rest of the school, it is paramount that they set a positive example by adhering to the school uniform expectations. Please ensure your child arrives at school wearing appropriate school shoes, only the permitted amount of jewellery and make-up, their school tie and blazer, and that they are not wearing nail varnish or false nails. Your support with this helps us maintain high standards and consistency across the school.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with school if you have any concerns. My email is k.ewing@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk and Mrs Townsend's email is d.townsend@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk. As part of our commitment to support 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, Year 11 are the most amazing group of students to work with.

Yours faithfully



Miss K Ewing
Head of Year 11