



WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11 - The Year Ahead

I hope that your child is now fully ready for their final GCSE year. As we start to get back into the swing of the new term, I would like to inform you of key dates, PSHE for Year 11 this term and vital information as your child prepares to finish their GCSE courses.

The Year 11 PSHE programme is an integral part of your child's education and covers a wide range of topics preparing them for the future. Much of our programme is focusing on preparations for Post 16. We have a whole morning devoted to Post-16 options on **Tuesday 18 October** with information on our Sixth Form, college courses, and apprenticeships. Our Sixth Form Information Evening is on **Thursday 26 January**. Students should continue to collect evidence for their progress files, these will be used for discussion for Sixth Form places, college courses and apprenticeships and is a document students should be proud of. Should your child wish to have a careers interview, please advise them to request one via their tutor or emailing Mrs Roberts; c.roberts@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of our students is of paramount importance. With this in mind, 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. Can I also remind you that we are an Operation Encompass school, which means we are alerted, confidentially, if the police have been involved with a domestic abuse incident at the home of one of our students. If you would like any further information on this, or any other safeguarding matters, please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Bates, Assistant Headteacher, or Miss Griffiths, the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, in school.

Students' online behaviour 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

Year 11 Parents' Evening takes place on **Wednesday 11 January** and will give you an indication of the progress your child is making following their performance in the mock GCSEs. In addition, we are holding a separate evening devoted to revision techniques and subject-specific information in a 'Striving for Excellence' evening on **Tuesday 14 March**. Further details of both evenings will follow. Mock exams will take place during the week commencing **21 November**; results from these will help students think about applying for Post-16 options and can help inform our decision as to the best route for them also. The Year 11 Report will be issued in March.

Please can I ask for your continued support in ensuring reply slips are returned promptly, homework diaries are signed and checked regularly and that the school's uniform and equipment policies are adhered to fully. Should you have any problems or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or phone. Can I just ask you to be aware that due to teaching commitments it is not always possible to meet with parents unannounced, though I shall always endeavour to return a phone call on the same day.



Summary of key dates for your diary:

Post 16 Morning	-	Tuesday 18 October 2022
Year 11 Mock Exams	-	Monday 21 - Friday 25 November
Parents' Evening	-	Wednesday 11 January 2023
Sixth Form Open Evening	-	Thursday 26 January
'Striving for Excellence' Evening	-	Tuesday 14 March
Sixth Form Induction days	-	Wednesday 28 June, Thursday 29 June, Friday 30 June
Year 11 Prom	-	Thursday 6 July 2023

Should you require any information in a different format e.g. larger font, etc, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

I look forward to working with you in partnership again this year.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Muir
Head of Year 11