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Dear parents and carers,

Monday 23rd February 2026 – Year 11 Compulsory School Attendance

I am writing to confirm the arrangements for Monday 23rd February, which is an Inset Day for Years 7–10, but **a normal compulsory school day for all Year 11 students**. Attendance for Year 11 will be recorded as usual and is required for all pupils.

This date falls in the middle of the Year 11 mock examination window, and we are taking the opportunity to ensure students receive a focused day of learning without missing any valuable preparation time. The day has been designed to support students' academic progress as well as their wellbeing as they approach their final examinations.

Breakfast and Registration

All Year 11 students are invited to a free breakfast in the Dining Room served from 8:25am–8:40am. Options will include bacon and/or sausage sandwiches, along with a vegetarian alternative, hash browns, and drinks will also be available. This will be provided free of charge to those who arrive on time.

Registration will take place at 8:40am as normal, and usual attendance procedures will apply. Students must attend in full school uniform.

Morning Assembly: Passport to Prom & The Climb

The day will begin with important announcements about:

- **Passport to Prom** – the system students must follow to earn their invitation to the Year 11 Prom. I must be clear with students and families that attendance at Year 11 Prom is not an automatic right and must be earned.
- **The Climb** – our structured approach to supporting students as they work towards their final exams.
- **Smart Day** – the final day for Year 11 students in school
- **Independent Study** – a recap on revision strategies and techniques that will be useful for students preparing for mock examinations.

Please note that this assembly will not be repeated, so students who miss the day will not receive the Passport to Prom information until much later in the term.

This session will introduce pupils to the rewards package linked to Passport to Prom, including opportunities to earn rewards such as Free Prom tickets, vouchers for nail appointments and barber appointments and other incentives connected to revision and independent study.

Students will also receive information about the return of the Smart Day, reintroduced in direct response to student voice, which is another example of our "you said, we did" commitment to acting on feedback from our student leaders.



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Masterclass Sessions

Throughout the day, students will take part in three focused, hourlong masterclasses:

- English Masterclass
- Maths Masterclass
- Science Masterclass

Each session will target themes and topics directly related to the mock examinations taking place that week, providing tailored, high impact revision support.

Breaktime: Fairy Good Cakes & Catering

During extended breaktime, the Fairy Good Cakes mobile cake van, promised to students earlier this year, will be onsite for purchases. The van accepts card payments only. Students will be permitted to unlock their phone pouches at breaktime to make payments using their phones if they choose. Normal school catering will also be available, with our normal free school meals provision.

End of the Day and Transport

The day will finish earlier than usual, at 1:30pm, after students have completed their masterclasses.

The Year 11 coach service will run as normal, with regular morning pickup times. Coaches have been arranged to collect students at the earlier 1:30pm departure time.

Thank you

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure Year 11 have the strongest possible preparation for their upcoming examinations.

If you have any questions about the day or require any further support for your child, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Adams, Head of Year 11.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R T Doodson
Headteacher