



4th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers


Our Year 11 students have been working incredibly hard this year, growing in confidence each day as they prepare for their **GCSE examinations**. Their commitment is evident in their **Learning Lab attendance, effective revision in lessons, and engagement in school life**. As we approach their final months of secondary education, we want to ensure they are fully prepared for the challenges ahead.

Final Mock Examinations & Learning Lab Support


To further support our students, they will sit their **final mock examinations in March**. These exams, alongside **after-school and holiday Learning Lab sessions**, will help identify areas for improvement and ensure students are fully prepared for their summer exams.

During the **February Half-Term**, we will be offering additional Learning Lab sessions.

Due to the popularity of previous years we estimate places will fill up quickly. Students will need to sign up in advance to secure their places by completing the following form: [Year 11](#).

 **Dates:** February Half-Term

 **Times:**

- **Session 1:** 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
 - **Session 2:** 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
-  **Subjects:** A variety of subjects will be available.

Students attending these sessions must:

- ✓ Follow all academy policies and expectations.
Bring their usual daily equipment.
Dress appropriately.
- ✓ Sign in and out at the main reception.

Attendance at Learning Labs will also count towards their '**Passport to Prom**'- an incentive designed to encourage high standards and active participation in school life.




Passport to Prom – Rewarding Hard Work

Prom is a **privilege, not a right** - a celebration of students' dedication and achievements throughout their GCSE journey. To receive an invitation to purchase a prom ticket, students must:



- ✓ Maintain a **minimum of 92% attendance** by the end of Year 11.
Earn **450 positive points** through engagement and good conduct.
Demonstrate **commitment and effort in all subjects**.
Attend **Learning Lab sessions** to show progress.

Year 11 Prom Details

-  **Date:** Friday, 27th June 2025
-  **Venue:** Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy
-  More details will be shared at a later date.

Expectations & Consequences

We have emphasized in assemblies that Learning Labs and mock exams are **key diagnostic tools**, helping both students and teachers identify areas for development to ensure exam success.

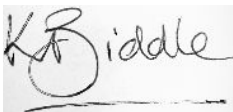
Year 11 students are **ambassadors** for our Academy and role models for younger students. **Failure to meet the outlined expectations will result in the student losing their place at prom.** This decision is final and non-reversible, and should it occur, a formal letter will be issued by the Principal.

Next Steps

Once students have **completed their 'Passport to Prom,'** they must submit it to **Mrs. Lown (Head of Year 11)**. This will confirm their **eligibility to attend prom and purchase a ticket**, which will be available via our **online portal next term**.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring our Year 11 students remain focused and motivated during this crucial period. We look forward to celebrating their hard work and achievements in the months ahead.

Yours faithfully



Mrs K Biddle

Vice Principal