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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening – Tuesday 13th October 2026

We are delighted to invite you to our Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening on Tuesday 13th October 2026. This important event will provide valuable information and practical strategies to support your child throughout their final GCSE year.

The evening will begin promptly at 5.00pm in the dining hall, where you will have the opportunity to attend a range of workshops designed to help you and your child prepare effectively for the months ahead.

There will be four different sessions running throughout the evening and an English and maths drop in. We encourage you to select and prioritise those that will be most beneficial for your child's needs and aspirations.

In addition, Assistant Principals will be available to discuss any pastoral or academic questions you may have and Mr Clark (Inclusion Lead) will also be present for any SEND queries. With the first set of mock exams starting on 9th November, this event is a timely opportunity to seek guidance and ensure your child feels supported at this crucial stage in their education.

At 6.00pm, Miss Heppell and Mrs Biddle will deliver a short presentation in the Theatre, outlining key priorities and advice for the year ahead.

We warmly encourage students to attend with their parents/carers so that all families can gain the most from the evening.

Please confirm your attendance by completing this online form by Monday 5th October 2026.

We look forward to welcoming you for a prompt start at 5.00pm on Tuesday 13th October 2026.

Yours faithfully,

K Biddle

Mrs K. Biddle
Vice Principal

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Workshops Start at 5:00pm
Presentation in Theatre at 6:00pm

Session Details - How the workshops can support your child

Personalised Learning Checklists (PLCs) and revision Timetables	The Education Endowment Foundation highlights that flashcards are the most effective way to revise when followed up with exam question practice. The session will look at: a) Metacognition - How we learn. b) The Leitner System (how to use flashcards effectively). c) Quizlet (a free electronic flashcard system).
Managing exam pressure	'Feeling stuck'? 'Need help' with supporting your child through Yr.11? This session will outline some of the signs and symptoms of a 'stressed out' teenager as well as strategies and tips for helping your child navigate the challenges of Yr11. Information regarding self-help support and agencies will be provided
The 6 most effective revision strategies	Six strategies to make revision both manageable and effective.
Life beyond school, Future Pathways	Opportunities for Post 16 education/employment/training
Inclusion/SEND enquiries and access arrangements	Drop in and find out how students with special educational needs are supported for their exams, including information for access arrangements.
English Mr Wadley	How to succeed in GCSE English
Maths Mrs Bird	How to succeed in GCSE Maths
Science Mrs Migliari	How to succeed in GCSE Science