

October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of this first half term, we are writing to thank you for your ongoing support for Year 11 students during what is an incredibly important year for them. It has been a successful start to the year and we are excited to continue this momentum into the next half term.

### **Year 11 Information Evening**

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Year 11 Information Evening. We hope you found the information useful in preparing your child for the months ahead. Your feedback has been invaluable, and we are committed to working together to support your child's journey this year.

### **Post 16 Options**

This term we have welcomed several colleges into the Academy, who have spoken to students about the wide range of Post 16 options available to them. As discussed during the Information Evening, we encourage students to apply to as many colleges as possible to keep their options open. Ideally, students should have started their applications and aim to complete these by Christmas. Please feel free to reach out if you or your child need any assistance with this process.

### **Mock Examinations**

Our mock exams will begin at the start of week commencing **Monday 18 November 2024** and will run for two weeks. The mock exam timetable has already been sent home and provided to students, but if you haven't received it, you can find the letter on our website here: <https://tinyurl.com/44y9mx98>

These exams are an excellent opportunity for students to identify areas of strength and for improvement and will be used for future college applications. Therefore, it is important that students are thoroughly prepared and start their revision early. The exams will take place in the auditorium and will be treated in the same way as the formal summer exams. We will be holding an assembly with Year 11 early next half term to inform them of the importance of following the regulations for conduct in exams, as set down by the JCQ regulatory body.

Students must ensure that they are on time for exams. For morning exams, students should be at school by 8.40am at the latest and seated in the dining room for 8.45am to be registered - students should not go to morning registration. Students arriving late for morning exams may not be allowed to enter. Students will not have study leave and lessons will continue as normal during the exam period. Results for these mock examinations will be shared with students and families on **Wednesday 8 January 2025** during our Parents' Evening for Year 11.

### **Revision**

All students should now have begun their revision and teachers have distributed revision lists to guide them through this process. In addition, we have invested in **GCSEPod**, a fantastic resource that includes videos and supporting questions to help students with their studies. While we will be running sessions on how to use GCSEPod after the break, students have already been introduced to it and are encouraged to begin using it immediately to support their revision.

### **Maths and English Form Time**

To further support Year 11 students in their core subjects, we will be implementing **Maths and English Form Time** from the start of next half term. This will give students extra time with their subject teachers to consolidate their learning in these key areas. You should have received a letter about this initiative, which is also available on the school website. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

### **Period 6 Sessions**

We are pleased to see that students have been attending their Period 6 sessions regularly, and we thank you for your ongoing support with this. These sessions provide crucial extra learning time, and they will continue throughout the next half term. Following the mock examination results, Period 6 sessions will be reviewed and adjusted for the period after Christmas in order to address students' individual needs. More information will be provided before the Christmas Break.

### **Year 11 Prom**

We are excited to announce that the Year 11 Prom will be held on **Friday 27 June 2025**. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements and hard work of our students throughout their time at Appleton. This week, students will receive a letter outlining whether they are currently on track to attend the Prom, based on the criteria shared in September. If your child is not yet on track, there is still time to improve and ensure an invitation is extended to them. Thank you to those who have donated bakery items for the fundraising towards prom so far this year.

Once again, thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure a successful year for your child. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to the next half term and to seeing all our students continue to thrive.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mr M Bellwood".

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Mr M Bellwood  
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