



Friday 1 May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11,

## **Re: Year 11 Exam Season**

Please accept this brief letter as my final 'click of my fingers' – we are nearly there.

The GCSE written exams begin next Friday 8th May. I have enclosed a copy of the exam schedule for you to support students. I have also included our warm up sessions for the final exams, which are an excellent way to prepare students immediately before entering the exam venues. I strongly encourage all students to attend unless, of course, they are in an exam. Please note that Wednesday 24th June is the Exam Contingency Date which may be used if an exam has to move. Please do not book anything for this day.

## **21st May Leavers' Assembly**

We will be holding our Leavers' Assembly immediately after break in the Theatre on 21<sup>st</sup> May at 11:30 and finishing at approximately 12:15pm when students will be dismissed from school. Every student will be in school having sat their English Language examination in the morning. Before the assembly, students will gather on the Astro-turf pitch for farewells and shirt signing. Can you Please make sure that they use an additional shirt as full school uniform is required for all exams.

After this assembly study leave begins. Students who use school buses may sign back into school after the assembly and use the library until the end of the school day. From this date onwards students are only expected to attend for exams and warm up sessions. Students must be in full school uniform and all usual school expectations apply.

## **Study Leave Expectations**

For all final examinations, students must arrive 20 minutes before their exam with all equipment required, at 8.45am for a morning exam and 12:30pm for an afternoon exam. The full regulations for candidates have been shared with students and in our most recent mock examinations our students adhered to them extremely well. We were very proud of how Year 11 have conducted their exams so far, let's have the same again for this exam season!

When students have arrangements with teachers to come into school to attend extra revision sessions, they must sign in at reception and sign out immediately after the session. In exceptional circumstances, if your child cannot be accommodated to revise at home, please email Mrs Gaskell Head of Year 11 – [gaskelle@vandyke.org.uk](mailto:gaskelle@vandyke.org.uk).

## **Prom - Tuesday 16th June**

Our Year 11 Prom will take place at Wilton Hall Bletchley MK3 6BN from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. If your child would like to attend but has not yet bought a ticket, please contact me (Mrs Lord) as soon as possible. It is always a fantastic event. Parents and carers are more than welcome to drop off and take pictures for the album.



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Of course, the school reserves the right to withdraw eligibility to attend based on behaviour in school for the rest of the term and exam season.

## My Final Words Year 11

From the very beginning of Year 10, when I clicked my fingers for the very first time, I have kept telling you that you are potentially 'the best year group that Vandyke' has ever seen. Your efforts to this date have been, and continue to be, amazing. Finish the last few weeks strongly, get lots of sleep and rest, and give yourself every chance to shine in the final examinations.

Well done Year 11, and thank you parents and carers for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr Skelton  
Director of Year 11



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