

28 March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Year 11

As the Easter Holiday approaches, we look forward to warmer days, lighter evenings and summer flowers blooming but it also provides us with a chance to pause and reflect of everything that has been achieved this term. Year 11 students have been recognised by their teachers 5,593 times for displaying the St Edward's virtues, which reward students not just for their academic ability but also for developing character which we hope will enable them to live full, positive and productive lives long after they leave St Edward's.

For our Year 11 students, with GCSE examinations just around the corner, this is the most important time for Year 11. I recently wrote to you following their final round of mock exams and will update you again shortly after the Easter holiday with a final details as we head into the summer exam window.



For our Year 11 students, with GCSE examinations just around the corner, it goes without saying that we are entering one of the most important times in their educational journey. More information on how we will support Year 11s throughout the term will follow separately but, in the meantime, I would like to signpost parents, carers and students in the direction of Mental Health and Wellbeing page on the school website which can be accessed using the link below or by scanning the QR code opposite. <a href="https://st-edwards.poole.sch.uk/information/wellbeing/">https://st-edwards.poole.sch.uk/information/wellbeing/</a>

On this page you can explore the support available both in school and outside of school. The page is designed to help students with positive wellbeing and encourages them to take steps towards cultivating this and knowing what to do when they feel overwhelmed. If you do have any questions or concerns, please do contact your child's tutor who will be able to support.

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We also have a few exciting dates coming up for our Year 11 class of 2024 which include their Year 11 Prom, on Wednesday 3rd July, a fantastic event where we get to celebrate all of their hard work and

determination – students have already collected over 2000 'access to prom points' for independent revision as they earn their way to their ticket. I hope that all our families will be able to join us at the Year 11 Celebration Evening, where we recognise the growth of every student, which is scheduled for Thursday 2nd May. I wish every luck and success to all of Year 11; I have every faith that they have all they need within themselves to achieve and to do well.

As a school we are at our most successful when we work alongside yourselves in a partnership and I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of the school. Your support enables us to continue to have high standards of our students, with their uniform, hair, punctuality, behaviour in lessons and beyond. I thank you for your support in ensuring your child meets our standards. To help ensure students are able to maintain these high standards in the first week back, students will be reminded of the everyday expectations we have of them though assemblies led by our SLT.

May I leave you with my best wishes for Easter. I hope you have a safe, happy and healthy break and I look forward to seeing students on their return.

Yours faithfully,

Luke Kemish Key Stage 4

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