



Monday 22nd September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As students are now two weeks into Year 11, I wanted to take this opportunity to give you an outline of the year ahead and to reiterate the support available for your child at this crucial time. There are several key dates, outlined below, and further information on these events will be shared through the year:

- 6th Form Open Evening: Thursday 13th November 2025
- Year 11 Mock exams: Monday 24th November to Monday 8th December 2025 (further information to follow)
- You're Hired Careers Event: Thursday 11th December 2025
- Year 11 Mock Results Day: Thursday 8th January 2026
- 'Coffee and Cake' Meet the Sixth Form Team: Monday 2nd February 2026
- Year 11 Parents Evening: Thursday 15th January 2026
- Sixth Form Taster Day: Friday 16th January 2026
- Year 11 Mock Exams: Tuesday 24th February to Friday 13th March 2026 (further information to follow)
- GCSE and BTEC exams: Tuesday 4th May to Wednesday 24th June 2026
- Year 11 Prom: Thursday 25th June 2026
- GCSE Results Day: Thursday 20th August 2026

Sixth Form Open Evening:

As you can see, a key part of this year is looking ahead to the students' next steps and supporting them to understand the options open to them. We would encourage everyone to attend the Sixth Form Open Evening, as we have built a broad, varied and engaging curriculum to suit students of many different interests and talents. Local colleges will also host open evenings through October and November, for those looking for different options. Mr Burrows will be sharing information with students throughout the year and will be hosting an opportunity for parents to come in and discuss any further questions about Sixth Form on Monday 2nd February 2026.

Year 11 Intervention Groups:

Many of you will already be aware that we are running several different intervention groups to support students throughout Year 11. These take place in the morning before school and are supplemented by additional revision classes and support groups after school. Individual subjects will be in touch to explain what they offer as the year goes on. If your child is invited to attend a specific group, it is because their teacher feels this will really help them to achieve the grades they deserve and they should attend as regularly as possible. We will also offer a variety of support through the year for students around exam anxiety and stress management, which is so important in this challenging year.

Year 11 Prom:

We know that the prom is an exciting rite of passage for our students, and it is always a fantastic event. This year we would like to help students to keep on track with their learning and attendance by offering rewards and prizes linked to the prom. Every student who reaches 250 achievement points by the end of January will receive a £5 discount on their prom ticket. Any student who reaches an amazing 500 points will receive a £10 discount in total. From January, once their tickets have been booked, students will then have the chance to become prom VIPs by reaching other milestones in achievement points, attendance, and engagement with school life. We hope that

these exciting rewards will help to maintain the positive, determined, and respectful start to the year we have seen from Year 11.

Attendance and Behaviour:

To attend prom and access the multiple opportunities outlined in this letter, it is vital that students attend school regularly. As explained in my previous letter in July, students will need to meet the following, very manageable criteria to be able to attend prom:

- Attendance of at least 90%
- Attending and being punctual to every mock and GCSE exam
- No serious behaviour incidents

Recently published research by the Department for Education show that attendance and success in GCSEs are intrinsically linked. Students with an attendance of over 95% are almost twice as likely to achieve at least a Grade 5 (considered a 'strong pass') in their GCSEs in Maths and English. The research also showed that an attendance of below 90% has a measurable impact on future earnings. For example, by 28 years old, students could be earning up to £10,000 lower than their peers with near perfect attendance. While we understand that illnesses happen, and students may therefore need to be absent occasionally, we urge students and their families to make sure they are here every day, getting the best preparation they possibly can for their GCSE exams and beyond.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter or the year ahead, please contact myself (c.morganrussell@coxgreen.com) or Miss Cummings (j.cummings@coxgreen.com). If you have any worries or concerns about your child, their wellbeing or safety, please contact Mrs Cowling (m.cowling@coxgreen.com). As the Year 11 team, we look forward to working with our students and their families through this important time.

Yours sincerely

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