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13 May 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year II - Update (Including End of Year Arrangements)

As we reach the end of the year for the Year II students there are a few final pieces of information to share.

Year II Leaving Day

Students will have their leaving day on Friday 23 May. All students have an English Language examination that starts at 9.00 am. Therefore, students will all be in a formal examination during periods 1, 2. During period 3 and 4, students will have an opportunity to wear their Leaver's Hoodies and sign leavers books and shirts after this examination. We intend to use our all-weather area to collate students and give them an opportunity to celebrate with their peers and teachers. It is essential that students have nothing written on shirts before their morning exam as this will compromise exam board regulations. Students will have a leaving assembly during Period 5. Students will not be permitted to enter the leavers assembly if they have anything offensive written on their shirts. Students will need to be in full uniform for the assembly, including Leaver's Hoodies if they have purchased one.

Year II Study Leave

All students will have been given a timetable for their GCSE exams, and they have received guidance on how to plan and conduct their revision. If students lose their exam timetable, spare copies are available from the Exams Office.

This is a very important time for all the Year II students and they need as much support as possible. Students will be able to come into school and continue their revision should they wish, and we will make a room available for quiet revision which will be supervised by a member of staff. When they are on site they should either be in an exam or in the designated classroom (silent study area). Students will not be required to wear uniform in school after half term. We do, of course, expect students to behave appropriately when they are in school and they must also understand the fire regulations which require them to sign in and out of school at all times. This is extremely important and must be adhered to strictly.

Year II Prom

Tickets to the Year 11 Prom are £35.00 and can be purchased via iPay. The deadline to purchase a ticket is Friday 23 May.

The Prom takes place on Wednesday 25 June at The Essex Golf and Country Club, Earls Colne, from 6.30 pm-and ends at 10.30pm.

The Pastoral Team has been working very hard in organising the event. In order that everyone has an enjoyable and memorable evening, a number of issues must be kept in mind:

- Any parents who wish to see their son/daughter arrive in their limousines (or other mode of transport!) could they please park in the main car park and walk to the venue entrance, so that the limousines can stop outside the entrance.
- The Essex is a non-smoking venue. Students are not permitted to use or be in possession of smoking material including vapes. If found to be vaping at the venue, they will be ejected by the onsite security.
- Door staff will be present on the evening to ensure that everything runs smoothly, and all students can enjoy their evening.

- We have several photographers attending the evening so there will be plenty of pictures taken both of students' arrival and throughout the evening. Mr Lockley will be sharing these photos with students via Microsoft Teams after the event
- A finger buffet will be provided at the event as part of the ticket price. Attendees will receive a complementary beverage, further drinks can be purchased at the venue via card payments only.

Yearbook 2025 and Hoodies

The Yearbook will be available for collection on the GCSE results day on Thursday 21 August, with pricing to be confirmed shortly in a separate letter. Hoodies have been ordered, and we are waiting delivery. We hope that these will be ready for collection before students go on study leave.

Locker Keys, Library Books and Textbooks

As communicated in the letter sent earlier this week, please ensure students return their locker key*, library books* and textbooks (if applicable) by Friday 23 May. All other school textbooks should also be returned to the relevant departments.

Post-16 Transport

For those students who will be continuing in education after Year 11, please visit the Essex County Council website for more information regarding transport and to download an application form. The website address is http://www.essex.gov.uk/education-schools/Travel-School - Post 16 Transport.

As always, any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Lockley Head of Year 11

Dates for your Diary

| DATES FOR YOUR DIARY | |
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| Leavers Day / Study leave begins | Friday 23 May 2025 |
| Deadline to return locker key and books | Friday 23 May 2025 |
| Deadline for payment for Prom | Friday 23 May 2025 |
| Final GCSE exam | Tuesday 17 June 2025 |
| (Students must also be available for the exam contingency day on 25 June) | |
| Official leaving date (Final exam contingency date) | Wednesday 25 June 2025 |
| Year 11 Prom - 6.30pm -10.30pm | Wednesday 25 June 2025 |
| Year 11 Sixth Form Taster Day | Tuesday 8 July 2025 |
| GCSE Results Day / Sixth Form Enrolment | Thursday 21 August 2025 |























