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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Year 11 Information 2026
Thorpe Park and Credits**

As we rapidly approach the final Summer term for our Year 11 cohort, please read this letter so to be aware of some key information.

As part of this half-term's credit rewards, we propose to offer a heavily subsidised day trip to Thorpe Park on Monday 13 April.

There are clear conditions for entry to the trip. The trip is intended to reward those students who demonstrate a positive work ethic and approach to their GCSE study during Year 11. **There are no academic attainment conditions linked to accessing the trip.** The conditions are entirely linked to factors that are directly within each student's control. Students who do not wish to attend or are not entitled to attend are expected to come to school as normal.

Requirements

To gain an invitation to Thorpe Park, students must achieve **80 credits**. Below is a reminder of the credit criteria:

Gaining Credits:

- Achieving weekly 100% punctuality to all lessons = 5 credits
- Achieving weekly 100% attendance to school = 3 credits
- One house point = 1 credit
- Completion of a revision card = up to 16 credits (2 per session). Students must demonstrate a positive independent work ethic, completing work outside of the classroom to support work done in lessons

They can do this by:

- i. Attending revision sessions in school during lunchtimes or after school. For every revision session attended, students will have a personal revision card signed by their teacher.
- ii. Utilise our recommended subject revision online learning tools (to practise skills learned in lesson time) either at home or in the computer suites at school.
- iii. Provide evidence of revision materials or notes generated at home.

Students have been given information about all the above.

Losing Credits:

Each behaviour point will deduct one credit from a student's total credits. All these criteria have been shared with Year 11 in assembly and PD time.

Prom

The Year 11 Prom will be held on Wednesday 24 June. We wish this to be a special evening for our students, celebrating their time at the school. The Prom will be held at The Essex Golf and Country Club, Earls Colne. This is an excellent venue, which holds successful Proms for a large number of schools in

the area. Attendance at Prom is subject to students meeting the school's behaviour and attendance expectations. **The school reserves the right to withdraw a place if serious concerns arise.**

The cost for a ticket to the Prom will be £35.00 per student. This ticket price includes:

- Decorated private room hire
- Red carpet and non-alcoholic drink on arrival
- Disco
- Buffet
- Formal photography
- Photo booth
- Security

This is a special occasion for Year 11; it is traditional for them to wear smart or formal attire on the evening. It should be noted that only non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. The event should be extremely enjoyable for all involved, but parents/carers will be contacted and asked to collect their child if concerns or problems arise during the evening. We also reserve the right to withhold a student's ticket if serious concerns arise regarding their behaviour or conduct. Vaping is not permitted inside or outside the venue due to the age of the students. Any student caught vaping will be asked to leave the celebration.

Yearbook

For the last few years, we have produced a very successful Yearbook for Year 11 students to celebrate their time at Hedingham School. The Yearbook has been commissioned and made by a company called MenoRecollections in full colour (approximately 40 pages) to an excellent standard.

We have been able to secure a very reasonable deal with the company again this year and all the students will complete a form during PD time to contribute to this.

The final cost of the Yearbook to students will be £13.

Leavers' Hoodies

We are delighted to announce that we are again able to offer a leavers' hoodie for the current Year 11 students as a memento of their time at Hedingham. The hoodies will have the school Logo embroidered on the front and the names of the entire year group on the back. The hoodies will be available in **Burgundy, Blue, Pink, and Black.**

The hoodies are available in a variety of sizes:

- XS - 34"
- S - 37"
- M - 40"
- L - 43"
- XL - 46"
- XXL - 50"
- XXXL - 53"

The cost to purchase a hoodie will be £19.99(+VAT). Please be aware we will be using a different system for ordering hoodies this year and students will need to order directly from the supplier. Please use the link and follow the instructions provided to order and purchase a hoodie.

Please note that prior to Year 11 leaving date (Friday 12 June) normal uniform expectations apply.

The link to purchase a hoodie is now live and will close on Monday 30 March. Please use this link to purchase a hoodie:

<https://www.redoakwear.co.uk/find-your-school/>

Password: Hedingham26

ITEM:	PRICE:	PAYMENT DEADLINE:	NOTES:
Prom	£35.00	Friday 22 May 2026	Payment should be made through your iPayimpact account.
Yearbook	£13 (+VAT)	Sunday 31 May 2026	Payment should be made through your iPayimpact account. If you wish to purchase more than one book, please email: finance@hedingham.essex.sch.uk before making payment, with the number of books you would like to purchase.
Leavers Hoodies	£19.99(+VAT)	Monday 30 March 2026	This can be ordered directly from the company (information above).

Students Last Day

Students will remain in school until Friday 12 June. We plan to continue teacher contact with students for as long as possible to ensure that students continue to be supported, encouraged and remain productive throughout the examination period.

Arrangements for the final day are as follows:

On Friday 12 June the entire cohort have their second GCSE Chemistry paper in the morning, meaning that all students will be in attendance at school. There are no scheduled exams for the afternoon session that day.

Students will be expected to attend their exam as usual, and afterwards a series of celebration events will be held to celebrate the cohort reaching the end of Year 11.

This will include time to sign shirts, take pictures with friends, reminisce over the time spent at the school, and some light entertainment. After this, students will make their way to the main hall for their final assembly and prize draws. They will finish school at normal time.

More details surrounding the events of the day, and expectations regarding behaviour and conduct will follow in due course.

As Year 11 enter the final and most important stage of their GCSE journey, this period represents a valuable opportunity for students to demonstrate maturity, commitment and independence in their learning. The habits they develop now — punctuality, perseverance and self-discipline — will not only support their examination success but will also prepare them for the expectations of sixth form, college, and the workplace.

The Thorpe Park reward trip has been designed to recognise consistent effort, determination and positive engagement with learning. It is not about academic ability, but about attitude and commitment. We hope this incentive encourages students to take full ownership of their progress and to finish Year 11 with pride.

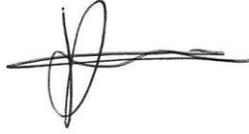
Similarly, the Year 11 Prom will mark a significant milestone — a moment to celebrate achievements, friendships and the many memories created during their time at Hedingham School. It is intended to be a fitting and memorable marker during their journey through education.

I am confident that the effort students invest in the coming months will translate into outcomes they can be proud of when they receive their GCSE results in August. With focus, resilience and the continued support of home and school working together, every student has the opportunity to succeed.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support during this important year.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely



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