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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our students have been reflecting in their celebration of the word assemblies this week.

"Dare to live the life you have dreamed for yourself." — Ralph Waldo Emerson.

That invitation to act on our deepest hopes echoes the Parable of the Sower: dreams are seeds, and unless we prepare the soil of our daily habits, tend them with patience and give them the nourishment of reading, reflection and resilient effort, they may fall on rocky ground or be choked by weeds; but cultivated carefully—in classrooms, around assemblies and in the stories and poems we share—those same seeds can take root and grow into the life we imagined.

Year 11 tuition

I am pleased to report that Year 11 tuition has started well. Over 70 students are attending both Maths and English after-school sessions, a commendable demonstration of commitment with clear potential to transform outcomes. Sustaining this effort is essential if our students are to secure strong GCSE results next summer; please encourage your child to attend these sessions regularly. As a parent myself, I am acutely aware of the financial burden that private tuition can place on families. The school-run programme therefore represents an excellent opportunity: tuition delivered by teachers who know our students well, understand their specific needs, and can provide targeted support to secure excellent outcomes.

Year 11 After School Tuition Timetable 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
Science	Maths	English	GCSE PE
Geography	Psychology	RE	Voc PE
Photography	MFL (French and Spanish)	Art and Photography	
3D Design	3D Design	Computer Science	
	Hosp & Catering		
	History		

All Year 11 Students are welcome to attend

You can earn achievement points and achieve your goals

Uniform Policy

I would also like to thank you for your support with our uniform and standards drive at the start of term. While implementing higher expectations has been challenging for some, our uniform policy—available on the school website—sets out clearly the expectations regarding uniform and appearance. Raising standards in these areas is important because it fosters a culture of respect and helps drive continued improvement in behaviour across the school. The school has been calm and orderly as we begin this term, and already, two weeks in, the climate and compliance with standards have noticeably improved.

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Attendance

Attendance has likewise shown a notable improvement. There is a direct and well-established link between consistent attendance and academic success: attendance above 95% makes a tangible difference to outcomes and, consequently, to post-16 opportunities. Please continue to support and encourage excellent attendance so that every student can access the learning they need to thrive.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Together we are fostering an environment in which our students can flourish academically, socially and morally.

Kind regards,



Mr S Braithwaite

Headteacher