

21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11,

**Subject: Key Notices**

I hope this email finds you well and that you have had a good week. The purpose of this email is to offer some reassurance in terms of next week, as well as to remind you of some important notices.

I wanted to draw your attention to the email you received yesterday about the **NCS**. This really is a fantastic opportunity for young people: not only to aid their confidence and enjoyment over what will be an extended summer this year, but an opportunity to develop their experiences and skills to aid personal statements, CVs and applications to sixth-forms, colleges, and ultimately, universities.

Regarding the upcoming strike day on **Thursday 27th April**, the **Year 11 Art exam** scheduled for this day, as well as the Year 11 evening trip to **Richmond Theatre to see 'An Inspector Calls'** will still be going ahead as planned. More information will follow from Mr Mullings regarding further details about the upcoming strike days, and information from Ms Connolly will be sent directly to parents of those coming on the Theatre Trip. Luckily, this does not interfere with our last visit as a year group from **Dr Martijn Van Der Spoel who will be working with all students on Wednesday 26th April**, focusing on the run up to the exam period.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that **Prom tickets** are currently on Squid. The deadline for purchase has been extended to **Monday 1st May. In terms of Yearbooks and Hoodie orders, this needs to be finalised by Monday 24th April**. Orders can be made here: <https://bit.ly/3Y0yfcp>. Please ensure you read the form carefully, we've had a few cases of parents putting their first name on the back of students' hoodies. If this is the case, we will ensure that the name on the back of the hoodie is changed to the student's surname.

We have also sent home Year 11 Progress Checks today. Please see my other email, with attachments explaining this fully.

Finally, many of you have been asking for clarification in terms of study leave. The exam period begins on **Monday 15th May**, so students do have two weeks of exams in full time education. The idea of this is to ensure that we can support them and their wellbeing, ensure that they understand the logistics of the exams, and so they can seek their subject teachers for support and advice. **The last full day of Year 11 will be on Friday 26th May**, which will end with the Leavers Assembly and Celebrations. After May Half-term, students will only be expected to come in for their exams. Again, more information on these logistics will follow in the coming weeks.

Have a lovely weekend and happy Eid Mubarak to all those celebrating today.

Best wishes,

**Ms Hockley**  
**Year 11 Leader**