



10th October 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

Y11 Parental Update

Quick Read

- Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended Y11 Parental Support Evening on Wednesday 28th September 2022. All materials from the evening have been shared with all parents/carers via email, booklets have been given to students of parents/carers who were not in attendance and electronic copies are also available on the school website.
- This year's prom is booked for Monday 26th June 2023 at Gisborough Hall. Students have been informed of the criteria which will secure an invite to this and other celebratory events.
- Students in Y11 will begin their first set of formal assessments for this academic year. They run from Monday 7th November to Friday 18th November. Students have already been issued with their individual timetables to support with revision;
- All Y11 students attended a study day led by Miss Wright and Mrs Fox to teach them how to best revise across the year and for assessments;
- Students have been informed of the expectation for the formal assessments and that this information would form part of a Teacher Assessed Grade in the unlikely event that we were requested to do so by the Department of Education.
- Date for the diary - Thursday 8th December 2022, Y11 Academic Parents' Evening.

Y11 Parental Support Evening

Thank you to those of you who joined us for our Year 11 Parental Support Evening on Wednesday 28th September 2022. The evening was received extremely positively by those in attendance and I have shared some of the comments we received at the bottom of this letter - we appreciate your feedback as it helps to inform us on how to improve our events.

We fully appreciate that due to other commitments some parents/carers were unable to attend the evening, so in order to assist you we have uploaded the presentations for English, Mathematics, Science, and General Revision Tips onto our website for you to peruse. We have also sent you a copy of the booklet, a copy of the booklet which was given to all parents on that evening via your child as well as uploading it to the website. This document is extremely helpful for you as parents / carers as it gives details of the Year 11 Journey including pertinent dates for your diary for the coming year. It also has an informative help guide dedicated to every single subject we deliver in our school at Year 11. There are also other helpful information pages regarding our expectations for attendance, regarding our Passport to Prom and information on where to seek mental health and well-being support for child. The link for this is

<https://www.stokesleyschool.org/key-information/exam-information/>

Y11 Celebrations, Assessments and reminders

I am delighted to inform you about further details regarding the Year 11 Prom and other important end of year events. As we approach the October half term of Y11, it is crucial that we continue to work together to ensure that your child fulfils all expectations to tackle this year successfully. We appreciate your ongoing support.

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The Prom

We launched our 'Passport to the Prom' expectations to students during assembly in September and explained this to parents/carers at our Y11 Parental Support Evening. Students will be reminded of the expectations and be informed if they are on track to attend by tutors in the next two weeks.

This year's prom is booked for Monday 26th June 2023 at Gisborough Hall.

We would like to share with you the criteria for a student invitation to our prom for this year:

- maintain a positive attendance record of least 96% attendance;
- at least 98% punctuality to school;
- 100% punctuality to lessons;
- maintain an exemplary behaviour record with no marks for defiance towards staff;
- attend all required intervention sessions and complete independent work for example the use of our apps including Tassomai.

As in previous years, we believe it is fair for all students who work hard every day to be able to celebrate with their peers. The vast majority of our Y11 students will achieve the criteria we have set out above and will be invited to join us for this and our leavers' celebration. When in attendance at Gisborough Hall, the students represent our school community and we expect our students to demonstrate respect at all times. Any student who falls short of our expectations in school will not be considered for an invitation to the prom.

Students who meet the criteria will receive a formal invite on Monday 6th June 2023. Students should not assume that they will receive an invite up until that day. However, tutors are speaking to their tutees individually at set points across the year to let them know if they are on target to go, or if they need to make improvements in a certain area. Please be aware that the invite can be rescinded at any point up until the date of the prom if a student fails to maintain the standards set out above.

Y11 Leavers' Presentation

We hope to host our leavers celebration on Friday 23rd June 2023. Due to the longer period of examinations which has been put in place as part of the contingency outcome, we need to see if there are any further changes before finalising the details of this event. We will write to you closer to the time with more information.

An invitation to the leavers' celebration is also subject to the same expectations as the prom. The invitation to the leaver's assembly will not be issued until the last week of May 2022.

Payment for Prom and Leavers Hoodies

Mrs Brosnan will write to you with the details of how to pay for prom and the leavers' hoodie after half term. Our preferred method of payment is ParentPay. If you require any information regarding ParentPay, please contact the Finance Office. Students will also be able to purchase a leavers' hoodie. The cost of this is approximately £16. The cost of the Prom ticket will be no more than £38.





Parents' Evening

I would like to take the opportunity to remind you that our Y11 Academic Parents' Evening is due to take place on Thursday 8th December 2022. We will be in contact with you shortly after the October break to invite you to make appointments for Parents' Evening. We look forward to seeing you at this virtual event to celebrate your child's successes and discuss how we can further work as a team to ensure that your child is on target to succeed in their end of year examinations.

Y11 Formal Assessments

Students in Y11 will begin their first set of formal assessments for this academic year. They run from Monday 7th November to Friday 18th November. We would once again like to extend our offer of support, so please contact us should you need any further assistance. Furthermore, please encourage your child to persevere with their revision in preparation for their November examinations and utilise the revision schedule and advice guides we have provided to support his or her planning.

I would like to thank you personally for your continued support for a successful start to the year.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Brosnan, Head of Y11 on d.brosnan@stokesleyschool.org or myself on j.darbyshire@stokesleyschool.org if you have any queries relating to the letter or anything at all to do with your child in Year 11.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Jane Darbyshire
Deputy Headteacher

"Everything was efficiently organised and clear and the passion of every single member of staff is clear and wonderful for us as a parent to hear!"

"Very well organised, concise and informative. Great resources for us to take away."

"The commitment of your staff in helping children through Y11 is clear, I feel confident as a parent that I now know how to support my child."

"I think it was comprehensive and extremely helpful. It can be so hard to get information from our teenagers, so for me it was important to understand how Y11 will work this year (I've done it once before, but I still benefited greatly from attending), what's expected, timescales - and very important, to get information about revision methods, and help available to our children. It was also very useful that staff were available afterwards for individual queries. Thank you."

"Everything was covered! The information booklet provided contained excellent information on how to support our son and contained useful dates. We thought the staff came across as enthusiastic and really supportive. Well done everyone involved in putting this evening together."

