

Dear Parents,

It has been another intense term for Year 11 students with so much packed in...

Mock Exams

Students have now completed their final mock exams and, as they receive their grades and feedback, it is imperative that they know exactly what they need to do to be successful in their final GCSE exams. At this stage, all students should be following a clear revision plan, ensuring they are covering all subjects and targeting their areas of weakness. Revision strategies have been discussed and practised in tutor time. Students now have to take responsibility for completing sufficient preparation.

Parents' Session

A reminder that this week we have a Year 11 Parents' Session on Thursday – The Final Drive for Success. The session is designed for all parents, to help guide you in supporting your child to reach their fullest potential in the final weeks before their exams. There are now just 28 school days left until the first GCSE exam starts and we are in the final push for students to maximise their achievement. I look forward to seeing you there.

While the focus is very much on students working hard towards their exams, it is great to see many of them continuing to excel in a variety of ways.

Headteacher's Award

Well done to Year 11 student, Tomasz Arczynski who received the Headteacher's Award earlier this term. Tomasz was nominated for his sustained and continued work ethic throughout his schooling at William Howard. It has been a pleasure to have Tomasz in our year group over the past five years – he has set the highest standards for others to follow.



Basketball Stars

It has been many years since we last had a Year 11 basketball team. A shout out to Jack Turnbull who organised the squad for a recent game against QEGS and a top effort from Jay Mackay & Charlie Wightman.

Food Preparation & Nutrition Exam

Many of the practical courses are near to completing their final exams and the Food Preparation & Nutrition group recently designed and then made their exam dishes. Students really stepped up to the challenge with some amazing ideas and practical skills. All should be proud of their efforts.

School Play

It was fantastic to see the school play this year and I particularly enjoyed seeing the Year 11 students who contributed - Grace Miller, Eden Bowman, Kassidy Bell, Theo Hailwood, Tia McKintosh, Ava Little, Evie Mellor.

Well done to all who took part – it was an amazing performance!



As we near the end of their final full term at William School, it is time to plan ahead to celebrating students' achievements. Firstly, students will have the opportunity to buy their WHS leaver's hoody – they are currently choosing their design. In addition to this there are some important dates for you to be aware of.

- **GCSE Exam Dates** - The GCSE dates are now published, and students will soon receive a timetable of their exams. The first GCSE exams are on **Thursday, 9th May** and the final GCSE exam is on **Wednesday, 19th June**, although you should be aware that the exam boards plan for contingency days up to **Wednesday, 26th June** for exams to be potentially rescheduled to allow for unexpected events.
- **Leavers Day** will take place on **Thursday, 20th June** with all students invited to attend to school.
- **Year 11 Prom** is booked for **Thursday, 27th June** at The Garden at Eden. More details will be sent out in due course.
- **Sixth Form Start Up Week** - for those students planning to join the WHS Sixth Form, they should plan to attend the Sixth Form Start Up Week, which runs this year from Monday, 1st July to Friday, 5th July.

As ever, if you have any questions about any of the information shared, please contact me or Helen Elliot – we will be continuing to support all students to do their very best over the final weeks of year 11.

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