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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Welcome and Key Information

I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful summer break. It has been extremely pleasing to see the enthusiasm with which our Year 11 students have returned for this vital stage of their educational journey. Throughout the year students will be relentlessly supported to achieve GCSE and/or vocational qualifications, which they will need in the future. Additionally, as a school we are committed to providing students with extensive opportunities beyond the curriculum whether that be involvement in our school shows, sports teams or attendance on a range of trips and visits. I am very much looking forward to seeing your child excel this year.

Expectations

The high standards of behaviour and attendance, expected from all students at The King's School, will continue in Year 11. Students' behaviour and attitudes should reflect the importance of this academic year and should include outstanding attendance and punctuality, engagement in lessons and a desire to embrace the challenge to improve. Attendance will be a continual focus; students need to be in school.

Rewards events, including the Prom, will only be offered to students who meet these high expectations of behaviour and attendance. Miss Knight, Student Liaison Officer for Year 11, and I will be working closely together throughout the year to monitor and reinforce our expectations and will work with students to support them to meet these. Students will also require resilience, which we will help them to develop, to ensure that they reach their full potential.

Home learning will commence on Monday 25 September. Teachers will set home learning that is planned and purposeful and we ask for your support in ensuring that students complete this by the due date. You are able to view and monitor homework set be logging into Satchel One. Details on how to do this and the homework timetable can be found here Homework & Independent Learning - The King's School (patrust.org.uk)

Achieve and Intervention

There is a successful programme of intervention offered to Year 11 students aimed to give them the best possible chance of success in their exams, which will take place in Summer 2024. The exam boards are yet to confirm dates for these external exams but we will ensure these are shared with you when available.

Achieve sessions form the cornerstone of this intervention programme and will commence for all Year 11 students on Monday 2 October. Achieve sessions are compulsory and will run from 2:35 – 3:20pm. This terms Achieve sessions are outlined in the table below.



Week	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6
commencing	October – No	October –	October –	October – No	October –
2 October	Achieve	Achieve	Achieve	Achieve	Achieve
	Session	session	session	Session due	Session
				to open	
				evening	
Week	Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday	Thursday 12	Friday 13
commencing	October – No	October –	11 October –	October – No	October –
9 October	Achieve	Achieve	Achieve	Achieve	Achieve
	Session	session	session	Session due	Session
				to Elland	
				Road trip	
Week	Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday	Thursday 19	Friday 20
commencing	October – No	October –	18 October –	October – No	October –
16 October	Achieve	Achieve	Achieve	Achieve	Achieve
	Session	session	session	Session	Session
Week	Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wednesday	Thursday 26	Friday 27
commencing	October – No	October –	25 October –	October – No	October –
23 October	Achieve	Achieve	Achieve	Achieve	Achieve
	Session	session	session	Session	Session

The sessions are carefully planned and delivered by teaching staff and are targeted to meet the needs of each individual student. Students will receive details of the sessions they have been allocated to next week during form time. These will remain unchanged for 4 weeks until October half term and will then be reviewed.

Changes will be made to form groups after October half term to allow further subject specific intervention to be delivered during form time each morning. We will share details of these changes after half term.

Further sessions outside of school hours will also be offered throughout the year and we strongly encourage students to attend all the sessions which they are invited to.

Key Dates

Date	Event		
Thursday 12 October	Careers Trip: Elland Road Stadium – please see		
	separate communication regarding booking your		
	child on this trip.		
Monday 4 December - Friday 21 December	Year 11 Mock Exams		
Monday 22 January	Year 11 Mock Exam Results Morning – students will		
	receive their Mock Exam results.		
Tuesday 30 January	Year 11 Reports Released.		
Thursday 1 February	Year 11 Parents/Carers Evening (4.30pm-7.30pm)		
Wednesday 21 February – Monday 4 March	Year 11 Core Mock Exams Start		
Monday 26 February	Year 11 Revision Festival (3.30pm-5.00pm)		

The school will communicate the dates of additional events as they are confirmed. These will include many personal development opportunities which we encourage students to take part in alongside their academic studies.

Parent/Carer Engagement

We recognise the strength in positive working relationships with parents/carers and will continue to develop these whilst putting our students at the centre of what we do every day. There will be regular communication throughout the course of the year to ensure that you are informed of relevant updates and information. Please ensure you have the MCAS App to receive these. Your attendance at key events such as Parent/Carer Evenings is imperative for us to share and discuss your child's progress, as well as making sure any support needed is put in place promptly.

I look forward to an extremely successful year and thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Miss E Long

Year 11 Leader