



Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the Autumn half-term, we wanted to let you know of the upcoming events for our Year 11 students. After Christmas, there is only an 11-week Spring Term before we head into the final exam season.

Mock Results – Friday 15th December 2023

We are very proud of our students and how hard they worked in their second mock exam period in November, as well as in the completion of their BTEC PSAs. This **Friday 15th December**, all Year 11 students will be taking part in an afternoon assembly, during **form and Period 5**. During this assembly we will celebrate their hard work and deliver their results in a similar way to how the final results day will be run in the Summer. They will also have a chance to speak to our Careers team with regards to college applications and interviews, as well as the Heads of Department for English and Maths.

Parents' Evening – Thursday 11th January 2024

I would like to invite you to our **Year 11 Parents Evening** on **Thursday 11th January 2024**. This is an important evening which provides you with an opportunity to discuss your child's progress in all subjects and gain further information on the personal development opportunities on offer for students.

Q – How do I book appointments for my child's Parents' Evening?

Please use the **online appointment booking system** through ParentMail. This allows you to choose your own appointment time with teachers and will provide you with a confirmation email of your appointments. If you are not able to attend but your child is, then we would encourage them to still attend Parents' Evening to engage with the support on offer. Please visit your ParentMail app or use the [ParentMail](#) website to book your appointments.

Q – What happens if I cannot make appointments?

We will be following up with families where meetings are not booked, and with students whose predicted grades will not allow access onto Sixth Form and college courses, to offer support and guidance. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Year 11 team who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

Prom – date tbc

Many of our students have already become excited about Prom at the end of the year. The details of Prom will be confirmed at a later date; however it is important to note that Prom is something that will be **earned** through the Passport to Prom.

Q – How can my child earn Passport to Prom?

We would like as many Year 11 students to come to prom, therefore the harder they work in lessons and on revision the more likely they will meet the expectations and earn the points to receive an invitation. If students are



participating in all the learning and support on offer achieving the points will be straight forward. The ten top students with the most points will have their Prom ticket paid for by the school.

Below you will find the minimum expectations, a range of events and activities your child must complete their Passport to Prom.

Passport to Prom Non-Negotiables
<p>Attendance – Spring Term attendance must be 95% or higher.</p> <p><i>If students are not able to achieve this for valid medical/other reasons, then week on week improvements must be seen throughout the term and evidence should be provided.</i></p>
<p>Period 6 – Students must attend a total of at least 30 Period 6 sessions over Spring Term.</p>
<p>Progress – Students must either maintain or improve their grades in Maths and English between the November and March Mock Exam series.</p>
<p>Attendance at Parents’ Evening – Student must be in attendance at the January Parents’ Evening. If parents are unable to attend, students should attend by themselves. If there are issues with attendance, please contact the year team and an alternative meeting can be arranged.</p>
To earn Passport to Prom Points (200 Points required)
<p>Attitude to Learning – Points will be awarded for overall Attitude to Learning ranking, for instance if students are Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze or Green overall.</p>
<p>Home Learning – Points will be awarded for completing their Tassomai and Sparx work.</p> <p>If goals are not completed on a weekly basis, prom points will be deducted.</p>
<p>Voluntary Study Hall – Points will be awarded for attendance to voluntary Study Hall on evenings that students are not invited to participate in Period 6.</p>
<p>Revision Activities (School) - Points will be awarded attendance to revision activities run by the school, such as Easter Revision School and Saturday Revision BBQs.</p>
<p>Revision Activities (Home) - Points will be awarded revision activities completed as directed by your teacher. Other activities may include past papers (planning, sections or whole papers), or completion of Denes Desirables booklets.</p>
<p>March Mock Series – Points will be awarded attendance to each timetabled mock exam day. Points will also be awarded for attendance to pre-exam booster and breakfast.</p>

Please be aware that, like with our usual behaviour system, negative events will lead to Prom Points being deducted. These include instances such as truancy or other behaviour slips, including social time. It is in students’ best interests to continue to be amazing in order to go to Prom!

Earning usual in-class reward points is still important, as this enables you to access things such as the ODA Reward Shop.

Other Events

Colleges

I would like to make you aware of some upcoming Open Evening opportunities in the Spring Term, if you have not yet had the chance to visiting or if you’d like to revisit since your child has made an application:

- **East Coast College, Lowestoft Campus & Lowestoft Sixth Form College – Wednesday 7th February 2024**

- East Coast College, Great Yarmouth Campus – Thursday 8th February 2024
- East Norfolk Sixth Form College – Tuesday 5th March 2024

Leavers

For our Class of 2024, we are planning a series of leavers' events and opportunities for them to remember their time at ODA. They will have the chance to get:

- Leavers' Hoody
- 2024 Yearbook
- Access to the Year 11 Leavers' Assembly & Shirt Signing

Further details will be released about these later in the school year. However, your consent is required if you wish for your child's photo and/or name to be in the Yearbook or on the back of hoodies.

Please complete the attached form to give consent for your child's name and photograph to be included within the yearbook.

If you have any questions regarding these events, then please do not hesitate to contact the Year 11 Team and we will be happy to assist you.

Yours Sincerely,



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