



Dear Parents and Carers,

9th October 2025

Thank you to all who attended our Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening on Thursday 18th September. For those unable to join us, this letter outlines the key messages shared.

Why Year 11 Matters

Year 11 marks the final stage of your child's secondary education, culminating in events such as the Leavers' Assembly, Prom, and Results Day. With approximately 200 days until final exams, this year represents just 9% of their school career making every moment count. Each grade contributes to a point score used for college applications, so consistent effort is essential.

Key Strategies for Success

- **Attendance:** Students with 95%+ attendance achieve better outcomes due to access to expert teaching and pastoral support. Even if slightly unwell, students should attend and we will support them.
- **Home Learning:** Students use Sparx (Maths) and Tassomai (English, Science, History, Geography, MFL). Sparx is due Wednesdays; Tassomai by Sundays. Higher completion rates correlate with better grades.
- **Study Hall:** Available daily from 3:10–4:10pm, offering a quiet space with refreshments. Students missing two homework deadlines will be booked in.
- **Revision:** Early revision is key. Recommended techniques include mind dumps, quizzing, dual coding, flashcards, and spaced practice (Denes Desirables).
- **Period 6:** Daily sessions support progress and offer Prom Points. The timetable is available via students and social media.
- **Mentoring:** Students meet fortnightly with Ms Gaines or Mrs Howes to set and review academic targets. Appointments are noted in planners.

Home Learning Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sunday
RE Seneca	11B Geography Revision Booklet/ Poster	Maths Sparx	11E/En3 English paper homework	11E/En2 English paper homework	English Tassomai
Catering Microsoft teams	Music Independent instrumental practice or composition tasks	11D Geography Revision Booklet/ Poster	Art Teacher directed independent drawing tasks (fortnightly)	11C Geography Revision Booklet/ Poster	Science Tassomai

		Performing Arts Practice lines	Dance Microsoft teams	MFL Speaking questions	Geography Tassomai
		Graphics Teacher directed tasks (fortnightly)	Photography Presentation and annotation in sketchbook		History Tassomai
			Travel and Tourism Attend P6		MFL Tassomai

Note: Additional English homework is set for classes 11En1, 11En4, and 11En5 with variable due dates.

Key Dates

- **Mock Exams Round 2:** Begins week of 20th October 2025 (continues after half-term) [Mock Exam Timetable](#)
- **Mock Exams Final Round:** Begins week of 9th February 2026
- **Final Exams:** Begin May 2026 (some practical's earlier)

Passport to Prom 2026

To be invited to Prom, students must meet the following:

Bronze

- 300 Prom Points
- Attend 2+ Period 6s weekly
- Meet non-negotiables

Silver

- Points threshold (to be announced)
- Attend 3+ Period 6s weekly
- Meet non-negotiables

Gold

- Points threshold (to be announced)
- Attend 4+ Period 6s weekly
- Meet non-negotiables

Non-Negotiables

- 95%+ attendance (or consistent improvement with evidence)
- Period 6 attendance as per tier
- Progress in English and Maths between June and November mocks
- Attendance at January Parents' Evening (students may attend alone if necessary)

Note: Behaviour concerns (e.g. truancy, removals) may affect Prom eligibility.

Careers & College Support

Students are encouraged to explore post-ODA options. Careers support is available from Mrs Richings and Mrs Gibbons. Resources are in the Entrance Hall and students can request help directly.

Upcoming College Open Events:

- *Lowestoft 6th Form College*: 12 Nov, 24 Jun
- *East Coast College (Lowestoft)*: 12 Nov, 27 Jun
- *East Coast College (GY)*: 11 Oct, 20 Nov, 27 Jun

Students should aim to complete applications by Christmas due to limited course spaces.

Useful Links

- ODA Student Launchpad
- Tassomai
- Sparx Maths

Students who attended the evening received a detailed support booklet. Those who missed it can collect one from the academy.

If you have any questions or need support, please contact us. We look forward to working together to ensure success for the Class of 2026.

Yours Sincerely,



Miss C Beales

Assistant Principal – Raising Achievement.