

Year 11 - The class of 2022!

13th May 2022

Dear Students and your Parents/Carers,

Well, here we are - the last few weeks of Year 11 and your last term at Plympton Academy. I want to start by expressing how proud I am of you all for the hard work and commitment you have shown so far! As we move into the final stretch, take some time to really think about what you now need to do to really nail your preparation for your exams. Please continue to believe in your abilities, your skills, your strengths and your future aspirations - you have got this!

I am hoping this letter will provide you and your parents/carers with some clarification and much needed information, so you can fully invest in your revision and preparation, without worrying about the details. I would advise that you keep this letter safe and to hand - that way you can regularly refer back to it when questions start to creep in.

Below are some key dates, and I will explain the details, arrangements and your role in being successful and confident learners below.

Date	Event
Monday 9th May	Prom tickets - £10 deposit can be paid on ParentPay
Tuesday 10th May	GCSE exams begin (Engineering)
Friday 27th May	Last day - study leave begins
Monday 30th May - Wednesday 1st June	Revision sessions in school (half term)
Monday 6th June	Prom tickets - remaining balance can be paid on ParentPay (£15 or £10 for full prom passport holders)
Monday 6th June onwards	Students attend school for lessons in subjects they have not completed and timetabled booster sessions.
Tuesday 28th June	Last day of exams
Monday 11th July	The Prom! 7pm - 11pm at Boringdon Golf Club (arrival from 6:15pm)

Period 6

Our phase 3 of Period 6 sessions has begun and runs on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with Spanish on a Friday. We have 85% of Year 11 students attending and these sessions are focusing on guided and deliberate examination practice with feedback.

Revision Cafe - IT1

Myself and Miss Louise Macauley, Pastoral Mentor, are available and supervising revision in our computer room every evening after school to support students with their revision. If students do not have a timetabled period 6, or struggle to complete revision at home, they are very welcome to join us each evening from 3pm.

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Revision (previously known as homework)

All homework is now revision! Teachers will continue to set work for students to complete at home but this has been renamed as revision. The expectation is that students follow their original homework timetable and complete the work set. From Monday 16th May students will no longer receive detentions for not completing their work but are still encouraged to complete all revision tasks so they are supporting their progress and preparation for their GCSEs.

Seclusion

To ensure we are maximising students' time spent in lessons, we have changed the process regarding completing a Seclusion. If students are removed from a lesson, they will be in seclusion for the rest of the lesson. Students do not have to stay in seclusion for 24 hours, instead they must return to seclusion during break time, lunchtime and sit a 1 hour detention after school - the same day. The seclusion will not carry over to the following day. If students do not complete their seclusion at break, lunch and after school they will then have to complete 24 hours before returning to lessons (the original seclusion process). Restorative conversations and contact home is still very much an expectation.

Prom

Our Prom is booked for Monday 11th July, 7pm - 11pm at Boringdon Golf. Students can arrive from 6:15pm. To secure your place/ticket please pay a £10 deposit. This payment can be made on ParentPay from Monday 9th May and must be received by Friday 27th May. The remaining balance can be paid from Monday 6th June. All final payments must be received by Friday 24th June. If you manage to hand in a full Prom Passport you will receive a £5 discount off the price of your ticket. Ticket prices are £25 and include venue hire, entertainment, decorations, food, additional prizes and a photo booth.

Last Day

Our last official day of Year 11 is Friday 27th May. On this day we will have our leavers' assembly, BBQ and shirt signing on the school site. Further details will follow closer to the time.

Half term Revision

From Monday 30th May - Wednesday 1st June there will be carefully planned revision sessions for our Year 11 students. The final details and arrangements will be shared with you shortly by Mr McCormack..

Study leave

After the last day on Friday 27th May, students will be on study leave. That means students will be studying/revising for their upcoming exams. Students will be required to still attend their timetabled lessons until they have completed the course. Once the exam has been sat and/or the coursework has all been submitted, students will not be required to attend their timetabled lesson. This is not 'free time' but instead provides students with additional preparation time for their upcoming exams. Students attending lessons after the 27th May are still required to wear full school uniform and must sign in and out through the main reception on Moorland Road. There will be study space made available for those that do not want to return home and study at home between exams.

Booster Sessions

In addition to timetabled lessons and revision sessions over half-term, students will also have exam booster sessions for the core subjects. These sessions will generally run the day before each core exam, from period 5 through to the end of the day. Students will receive a timetable for these booster sessions shortly.



I appreciate there is a lot of information being shared and I know this may throw up some questions. Please contact your tutor in the first instance if you need some clarity on any of the above.

And Year 11, continue being your best selves and believe to achieve! All your hard work will pay off and I can't wait to celebrate with you all at the leavers' assembly and Year 11 Prom.

Kind regards

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