

6th November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I have been highly impressed with the positive start to Year 11 made by most students within the year group. It is a pleasure to see students growing into mature young adults and making informed choices in relation to the next steps within their educational journey.

Please find a detailed overview of key information of what will be happening over Advent 2 for Year 11.

Parents Evening:

As you are aware Parents Evening is scheduled for Thursday 9th November between 4-7pm. I will be present at the event. If you have any concerns or would like to speak to me in relation to your child, please do come and find me – I will be based within the main hall on the evening.

Please note that for students who will be on school visit to Poland, I will be speaking to each student individually on their return to ensure they are aware of what has been discussed in their absence at Parents Evening.

Revision Sessions:

As you are aware the Mock Exams for Year 11 will be running from Monday 29th January 2024 to Friday 9th February 2024. To support students and ensure they are prepared for these exams, revisions classes will commence on Monday 13th November 2023. A detailed timetable will be both shared with parents and students on Friday 10th November 2023 via the school website.

Attendance and Punctuality:

It has been brought to my attention that several Year 11 students are arriving late to school and are not attending registration with their Form Tutors. Consequently, students are missing key information relating to GCSE's, examinations and other events within school. Please may you remind your child of the importance of being in school promptly for 8.50am and that attendance at registration is compulsory for all students.

To support students targeted interventions will begin after half-term to ensure that they are attending Form Time. I will be in contact on the first week back in school if this relates to your child.

Prom:

Our Annual School Prom has been booked for **Wednesday 26th June 2024** at the Octagon in Buxton. A letter will be sent to all parents/carers at the start of Lent Term with further information relating to costs for the evening and an outline of what will happen on the evening.

To ensure that students remain focused within school and continue to follow the STM way, a criteria has been devised which all students must meet to be eligible to attend the Prom.

Please note that the Headteacher/Head of school will make the final decision in relation to a student being eligible to attend the Prom.

Prom Criteria

Attendance:

Overall attendance for each student between November 2023 and May 2024 must be above 92%.

Behaviour:

Between November 2023 and May 2024, students must receive no more than:

- No more than 30 behaviour points.
- No fixed term exclusions.
- No more than 3 visits to Damascus (Isolation).
- No more than 5 B3 removals from lesson.

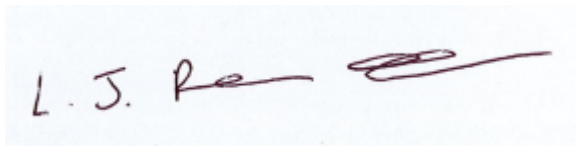
Serious incidents:

Between November 2023 and May 2024, if a student is involved in one of the following incidents, as listed below they will then receive an instant ban from Prom:

- Is found to be in possession of a Vape or use of an illegal item within school.
- Intentional damage to school property or the building.
- Bullying or targeting of individuals – both staff and students.
- Physical violence towards other students.
- Continued verbal abuse towards staff members.
- Internal truancy within school – failure to attend lessons.

I would like to thank you for the continued support you are providing your child during year 11 both at home and within school. I am ensuring that all strategies are put into place to help maximise your child's full potential and ensure they reach they reach this both academically and personally within their final year at STM.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Leah Doherty-Perkins
Head of Learning Year 11.