

18th July 2025

Dear Year 11 and families,

I have been so impressed with how the students have stepped up into Year 11 over the last weeks. Thank you for your efforts at home to support this transition. I hope the students are looking forward to a well-earned break.

Looking ahead to a jam packed and exciting start to next year we have the Year 11 Summer Challenge and the Year 11 Kickstart Day 11.30-15:00 Tuesday 2nd September – both of which are mandatory for all Year 11s. Details of both are below.

Year 11 Kick Start Day – It is a race & we get a head start...

Tuesday 2nd September

11:30 Buses Arrive and Greenline.

Science Quiz Up

11:45-12:45 Kick Start Tutor

12:45 - 13:15 Lunch & Activities

13:15-14:00 The Big Kick Start
Assembly

14:00-15:00 English & Mathematics Kick Start sessions.

15:00 Students leave as usual



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English Summer Challenge

There are 5 x GCSE Pods to watch, each with a quiz at the end. These all focus on improving your GCSE English Language skills for Component 1 - reading fiction texts and are tailored to our targets following the trial exam. Simply log in to GCSE Pod and you will find the assigned modules. If you complete all five modules, there will be prizes when you come back in September!

All five tasks must be 100% complete by Friday, 29th August.

Prizes will be given out on Tuesday 2nd September.

Use the table below to help you keep track:

Module 1: Friday, 1st August

Module 2: Friday, 8th August Module 3: Friday 15th August

Module 4: Friday 22nd August

Module 5: Friday 29th August

Year 11 @ AUGUST @ Maths Challenge!

You will be set **4 weekly Sparx maths tasks**. **Complete ALL 4 by Friday 29th August** and you will receive a prize, as well as being entered into a prize draw for some extra EXCELLENT prizes .

You should try and complete them weekly, but if you miss one you can go back and complete them

All 4 tasks must be 100% complete by 10am on Friday 29th August

Prizes will be given out on Tuesday 2nd September

Use the table below to help you keep track:

Set	Due	
Friday 1 st August 3pm	Friday 8th August 10am	
Friday 8th August 3pm	Friday 15th August 10am	
Friday 15th August 3pm	Friday 22nd August 10am	
Friday 22 nd August 3pm	Friday 29th August 10am	

The tasks are bespoke to you – Sparx recognises what your strengths and weaknesses are in maths and will set you questions that you need to practise.

Best of luck!!



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The bus services will be running for Year 11, 12 and 7 to get students into school for 11.30 and then picking them up at the normal time of 15:00 on Tuesday 2^{nd} September.

Thank you again for all your support this year and looking forward to an exciting start to the crucial 2025-26 academic year for our Year 11 students.

Yours faithfully

David Fairclough - Leader of Key Stage 4

