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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 Study Skills Day - Thursday 3 September 2026

We are writing to provide you with advanced information regarding your child's first day back in September. We appreciate that this is quite some time away, but we are hoping the early contact will help assist your preparation for their return to school and plan appropriately. There is also the opportunity for parents and carers to sign up for the evening seminar towards the end of this letter.

Year 11 students will return to school on Thursday 3 September 2026 at 8.35am, with the day ending at 3.20pm as normal. The school buses will be running. The focus for the day is to prepare students for the forthcoming school year and help equip them with the necessary tools for a successful and positive Year 11. Please find below a breakdown of the day and details of the sessions:

8.35am - 9.15am	Form Time Getting organised and ready for the school year
9.15am - 9.45am	Welcome back assembly by Head of Year 11 (Main Hall)
9.45am - 10.00am	Break (no canteen available)
10.00am - 11.30am	Elevate Seminar Student elevation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Techniques for self-motivating - The role of belief and self-efficacy in performance - Developing a growth mindset - Increasing motivation through goal attachment - Breaking goals into manageable tasks and deadlines
11.30am - 11.50am	Break (no canteen available)
11.50am - 1.20pm	Elevate Seminar Ace your exams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Highest value exam preparation tasks - Fixing mistakes to ensure constant improvement - Time allocation during exam preparation - Techniques for managing stress and time pressure in exams
1.20pm - 2.20pm	Lunch (canteen available)
2.20pm - 3.20pm	Personal Development
6.00pm - 7.00pm	Elevate Parent Seminar How parents/carers can support their child through the GCSE process

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All examination preparation seminars will be led by engaging presenters from Elevate Education. As a parent or carer, you can find tips, advice, practice questions and video series walkthroughs on the Elevate Education website: <http://uk.elevateeducation.com>. After the seminars, a letter will be sent home with login and password details, which will give you access to all of the Elevate supporting material.

We would also like to invite parents and carers to a seminar led by Elevate Education, which will provide information about how you can help your child study at home and support them through the GCSE process. The seminar will last for 90 minutes and will focus on aspects such as how to help your child effectively manage their time; how to motivate your child; the different types of work that students will need to prioritise throughout the year and how to help your child work effectively with technology whilst minimising distractions such as social media. There will also be opportunities for parents/carers to interact and ask questions during the seminar. Whilst we appreciate this is a number of months away, we felt it was important to highlight the date of this event and a reminder will be sent out nearer the time. So we have an idea of numbers, please indicate your interest in attending the Elevate Parent Seminar [here](#), **by no later than Friday 10 July 2026**. It is not expected that students should attend this evening session.

We understand that preparing for GCSE examinations can be a very stressful and difficult time for students, so we will be focusing on study skills and revision techniques throughout the year.

Kind regards

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Head of Year 10