

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout this busy first term. We hope that you and our Year 11 pupils have an enjoyable and restful Christmas break in preparation for the run-in to the final external examinations.

The new year will bring lots of challenges and opportunities for Year 11, and we aim to support pupils in any way we can. It should be noted that, excluding the February half term and Easter Holiday weeks, there are only 14 weeks before the external GCSE examinations begin on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019. All departments offer homework/revision clubs to provide additional support and advice in the lead up to the summer examinations. Previous Year 11 pupils have found these sessions incredibly useful as part of their preparations for the GCSE exams. The schedule of revision/homework clubs can be found on our website [www.stanwell.org](http://www.stanwell.org). We would also like to take this opportunity to remind pupils and parents that for some post-16 qualifications there is a minimum requirement for at least a B grade at GCSE so it is important that revision and preparation begins in earnest following the Christmas holidays.

In preparation for the term, I would also like to ask for your support and cooperation in maintaining high standards of uniform, punctuality and attendance. Failure to comply with these basic school rules can detract from teaching and learning and result in pupils missing vital discussions in classrooms that are focused on examination preparation and crucial subject content. The full list of school uniform requirements is available on our website. I would particularly like to draw your attention to the areas that have caused the most problems so far this year: pupils are required to wear formal black shoes and no trainers are allowed; jewellery is prohibited and will result in confiscation if worn and false nails and nail varnish are not acceptable in the school environment. Finally, please be reminded that mobile phones are also prohibited and pupils are welcome to use the school phones should they need to contact home.


We appreciate that the following term will be a challenging one for Year 11 pupils but we would encourage them to take the opportunities available at Stanwell as these will help alleviate concerns and build confidence going in to this crucial period of their development.



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