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Dear Parent / Carer

Year 11 update

Firstly, let me start by saying what a joy the Y11 students are to be with and work with; they are a real credit to you and to SDCC. We are trying hard to get a balance between schoolwork and high expectations, and well-being, as we approach the final full term of their compulsory schooling. This morning, we spent an enjoyable hour with students, celebrating their successes, preparing them for what is coming next and enjoying a Christmas moment together as a community with hot chocolate, pastries, crackers and a personalised Christmas card. The students are great fun; they continue to be polite and respectful, and the vast majority have worked really hard this year.

As we approach the Christmas break, please take note of the following important updates for Year 11 students, which were shared with them this morning:

Supporting Student Well-being

- No compulsory home learning will be set over the Christmas holidays.
- Optional home learning will be available, with a raffle for vouchers as an incentive. Sunday 4 January is entry deadline.
- We recommend a small amount of work (chunk it down; little and often), to keep them in good habits and to minimise lost learning.

Prom Incentive Scheme from 5 Jan – 13 Feb

- Students with a full week's attendance will earn one raffle ticket for a chance to win free Prom tickets.
- Completing three home learning assignments in a row ("hat-trick") also earns a raffle ticket.
- Students have been reminded that attending Prom is a privilege, not a right.
- Students with three truancy marks, or a suspension, will not be eligible to attend Prom.
- Progress will be displayed on a scoreboard, with the raffle draw taking place on 13/02/2026.

Intervention and Masterclasses

- No intervention sessions will take place after school in the first week back after the break.
- A Masterclass programme will be introduced, details to be shared after Christmas

Spring Mock Examinations

- Mocks will begin on 2 February, following a similar format to previous mock exams.

Uniform Update

- From the start of the new term, any student in Years 7 to 10 not wearing a skirt correctly, will be asked to change into trousers with immediate effect. Year 11s are exempt from this. However, they are still expected to wear skirts correctly and will be challenged for not doing so.

Revision Evening

- The Revision Evening will be held on 29 January. We hope to see all Y11 students there as well as parents/carers.

We wish all our students and families a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards



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