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Dear Parent/Carer

The following letter is an update for Year 11 parents regarding the next few weeks in school for your child.

Period 6 Update

We would like to thank Year 11 for their continued hard work and excellent attendance at Period 6; we are currently in Phase 2 of the Period 6 programme which will finish on Thursday 27th November 2025.

Phase 3 Period 6 will start on Monday 1st December 2025, and letters detailing which subjects pupils will be attending will be released on week commencing 24th November 2025.

Home Learning Update

As we review our Home Learning Policy, we can confirm that all home learning sanctions will now take place in the same location as any other sanctions. Home Learning Club remains available for pupils to voluntarily attend before their home learning deadline but will no longer be for pupils who fail to complete their home learning.

Personal Statements and Tutor References

This week in Personal Development time we have launched with pupils', personal statements, pupils will be writing these over the next three weeks in Personal Development Form time. Year 11 form tutors will also be completing their references for pupils. Pupils will receive all this information (if they complete it) in a pack week commencing 15th December 2025 ready for them to use in their Sixth Form/college/apprenticeship applications.

Coursework Deadlines

Several of our coursework deadlines are now approaching. If your child is doing coursework, it is imperative that they meet these deadlines with work that is to the required standard to ensure pupils meet their true potential.

As AI technology becomes increasingly accessible, many online platforms can now generate essays, solve problems, or produce written and creative work. While these tools may seem helpful, their use in assessed coursework undermines the purpose of independent learning and assessment.

It is essential that all coursework represents each pupil's own understanding, effort, and ability. For this reason, pupils are not permitted to use AI tools (such as ChatGPT, Google Gemini, or similar programs) in the creation or completion of any coursework, assignments, or controlled assessments that contribute to their final grades.



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Any work found to have been produced or significantly assisted by AI will be treated as plagiarism or malpractice and will be subject to the same sanctions outlined in our academic Integrity Policy. Teachers and examination boards are increasingly able to identify AI-generated material, and we are committed to maintaining fairness and honesty in all academic work.

Pupils are, of course, encouraged to use technology responsibly for research and revision under teacher guidance. However, all written responses, analysis, and conclusions must be entirely their own.

We would appreciate your support in reinforcing this message at home. Upholding academic honesty ensures that every pupil's achievement truly reflect their hard work and understanding.

Sixth Form Taster Afternoon

Year 11 will participate in a Sixth Form Taster Afternoon on Wednesday 26th November 2025 from 1.00 – 3.00pm. Pupils will attend sessions to experience subjects offered in our Sixth Form plus a session that gives an insight into life at a further education college. A reminder that the Wednesfield Academy Sixth Form Open Evening is this Tuesday 18th November 2025 from 5.00-7.00pm.

Key Stage 4/5 Pathways Event and Next Steps

The lead up to Christmas is a busy time of year for Year 11 to start attending Open Evenings at Sixth Forms and colleges and the starting to apply in preparation for next academic year.

It is important that applications to colleges are completed within the next couple of months to secure conditional places. Certain courses at colleges get full very quickly and it is never too early to apply.

In terms of apprenticeships, these also need to be applied for as soon as possible - the application process is just as rigorous as any other pathway and is a popular choice at post-16. There is some useful information here: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>.

In school we will be asking pupils where they have applied and making them aware whether their mock results and predicted grades meet the entry requirements for that provider over the next few months and into the Spring term. Support will then be put in place as required through tutors on Wednesday mornings as well as through the Careers Advisor meetings on Thursday and Fridays in school.

Prom

A reminder the Year 11 Prom will take place on Friday 26th June 2026, the first payment of £13.00 is due by 30th November 2025, this can be paid via the Matrix (WeDuc) Parent App. If you are free school meals and would like to attend Prom, please contact post-box for financial support.



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Year 11 Key Dates

- Sixth Form Open Evening – Tuesday 18th November 2025 (5.00-7.00pm)
- Mock Results – Monday 24th November 2025 (8.35am)
- Sixth Form Taster Afternoon - Wednesday 26th November 2025
- INSET Day – Friday 28th November 2025
- Phase 3 of Period 6 Programme – w/c 1st December 2025
- Year 11 Progress Evening – Thursday 4th December 2025 (3.30 - 6.30pm)
- Sixth Form Applications Deadline – Friday 16th January 2026 (3.00pm)
- Provisional Spring Mock Examination Dates (w/c 23rd February 2026 and w/c 2nd March 2026)
- Phase 4 of Period 6 Programme – w/c 9th March 2026
- Year 11 Parent Information Evening – Thursday 26th March 2026 (5.00-6.00pm)
- Year 11 Prom – Friday 26th June 2026 (6.30-11.30pm)

If you have any queries on the above information, please do not hesitate to contact us via postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk FAO Mr Hill (Assistant Headteacher) or by calling the school on 01902-558222.

Yours faithfully



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