



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we welcome our Year 11 students back after their well-deserved summer break, I hope this letter finds you well. This upcoming school year is undoubtedly the most pivotal in your child's academic journey thus far, as they prepare for their GCSE examinations. At Wilmington Grammar School for Boys, we are committed to fostering an environment where each student can excel, not only in their studies but also in their personal development. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight how our school's values—Personal Excellence, Responsibility, Innovation, Determination and Equality for All — will guide us in supporting your child throughout this crucial year.

**Personal Excellence** is at the heart of everything we do. We encourage every student to strive for their very best, both academically and in their personal growth. This year, your child will be challenged to push their boundaries and reach their full potential. Our dedicated staff are here to support and inspire them to achieve the high standards we know they are capable of. We ask that you reinforce this value at home, encouraging your child to take pride in their work and to always aim for excellence in all that they undertake.

With greater independence comes greater **Responsibility**. Year 11 is a time when students must take ownership of their learning and be accountable for their progress. This means managing their time effectively, meeting deadlines, and preparing diligently for their exams. We will continue to guide and monitor their progress, but it is essential that each student recognises the importance of self-discipline and responsibility in achieving their goals. Your support in helping them establish good study habits and a balanced routine will be invaluable.

We firmly believe in **Equality for All**, ensuring that every student has the same opportunities to succeed and to engage fully in school life. Whether it's in the classroom, on the sports field, or in one of our many extra-curricular clubs, we are committed to providing an inclusive environment where every student feels valued and supported. We encourage your child to take advantage of the wide range of activities available, knowing that each student, regardless of background or ability, has an equal right to participate and thrive. We are here to ensure that no one is left behind and that every student is given the chance to reach his full potential.

In a world that is constantly changing, **Innovation** is key to staying ahead. This year, we will encourage your child to think creatively and embrace new ways of learning. Whether through the integration of technology in the classroom or the development of critical thinking skills, we aim to equip our students with the tools they need to navigate the challenges of the modern world. We are excited to see how they will apply innovative approaches to their studies.



Finally, success in Year 11 requires **Determination**. The journey to GCSEs is demanding, and there will be challenges along the way. However, with perseverance and a strong work ethic, I believe that every student can achieve their aspirations. We will be here to support your child through any obstacles, encouraging them to stay focused and determined, even when the going gets tough!

As we embark on this important year, I am looking forward to working closely with you to ensure your child's success. While there will be challenges ahead, we are confident that with the right attitude and support, this year will be a rewarding one.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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