

2 October 2025

Dear Family,

Year 11 Marketplace Event
Tuesday 14 October 2025, 3.45pm – 4.45pm

As your child begins their final year at Thorns Collegiate Academy, we are inviting families to attend a 'marketplace' event during which all Heads of Departments will be available to discuss the requirements of their subject awarding body, and how you can help your child to achieve their best outcomes.

This event will provide you with advice and guidance about how you can support your child to achieve their full potential. We want to ensure we are working closely with Year 11 families throughout this year to collaboratively support all students on their journey to post 16.

The event will take place on Tuesday 14 October from 3.45pm until 4.45pm in the English classrooms.

There are some key dates that we would like to make you aware of immediately:

- Students undertaking a BTEC qualification in Creative Media Production or Dance are currently completing an internally assessed component which must be submitted in November, this is a fixed deadline set by the awarding body Pearson.
- The Year 11 mock examinations start on Monday 24 November, this will involve all students sitting formal examinations in the Sports Hall for most subjects.

Students need to ensure they maintain a high level of attendance and are fully engaged in all learning taking place across the academy. Your child's best chance of attaining their potential is by accessing the academy's high quality first teaching and the interventions that staff are facilitating within their lessons.

We have already started our after school additional study support programme for specific cohorts of students, so your child may have received an invite to attend these sessions. There is also a huge bank of resources which students can access independently to support them with continued revision at home. Details of this can be found on the examination information webpage: [Examination information - THORNS COLLEGIATE ACADEMY](#)

We look forward to working alongside you to support your child through this crucial final year and are ready for the next step of their journey post 16.

Yours sincerely,

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