

3 September 2026

Dear Family,

**Key Stage 4 Marketplace Event**  
**Tuesday 6 October, 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 Department will be available to discuss subject requirements, the expectations of the relevant awarding bodies, and how you can support your child in achieving their best possible 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 6 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, Dance, Music or Health and Social Care are currently completing internally assessed components.
- The Year 11 mock examinations start on **Monday 16 November**, this will involve all students sitting formal examinations in most subjects.
- The final round of mock examinations for the core subjects start on **Monday 22 February**.
- The external assessments for the BTEC qualifications in Creative Media Production, Dance, and Music start in January

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 already had 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 which can be found on the academy website under Parents and Carers. [Revision advice and guidance document](#)

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

Yours sincerely,

*J Sihota*

Mrs J Sihota  
**Head of Computing**