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Dear Family,

**Year 11 Hoodies and Prom**

As we move further into Year 11, we would like to share information about our Year 11 Leavers Hoodies and some of the expectations linked to this opportunity.

We are incredibly proud of the maturity and commitment shown by many of our Year 11 students so far this year. The Leavers Hoodie is an opportunity to celebrate their time at the academy and recognise those students who consistently meet our expectations.

**Hoodie Reward Programme**

Following October half term, students will be able to start earning the 10 stars that are required to be able to purchase a Year 11 Leavers Hoodie.

Students can earn a star each week by meeting all the following criteria:

- No more than three late marks to lessons during the week
- No callouts during the week
- 100% attendance for the week

Stars will be awarded and updated each Monday.

**Key Dates**

- November to Christmas: students can begin collecting stars
- January to February half-term: students continue collecting stars
- Students should aim to achieve 10 stars by February half term.

After February half term students who have successfully achieved 10 stars will receive a letter confirming they are eligible to order a leavers' hoodie. Eligible students will have approximately two weeks to place their order following receipt of their confirmation letter.

**First hoodie order deadline is 10 March 2027.**

A second order window will be available after Easter for students who have managed to achieve the criteria later in the year. Once the second window has closed, no further hoodie orders will be available.

**Prom Information**

We are also pleased to confirm that plans are underway for our Year 11 Prom. Further details, including the venue, timings and ticket information, will be shared at a later date once discussions with the venue have been completed. For now we ask families to save the date once it is announced.

Eligibility for Prom will continue to be reviewed throughout the year. Students will be expected to maintain high standards of:

- Attendance
- Punctuality
- Behaviour
- Commitment to learning

As with previous years attendance at Prom is a privilege and the school reserves the right to withdraw invitations where students do not meet our expectations.

Each half term we will continue to review students against our expectations and celebrate those who are consistently demonstrating our school values through our Strive for Five initiative.

We appreciate your support in encouraging your child to attend regularly, arrive on time and maintain excellent conduct as they work towards the end of their time at school.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

*K.Warwicker*

Miss Warwicker
**Head of Year 11**