

Dear Parents and Carers

We are now into the second term of Year 11, which takes us to 14 school weeks until the start of the summer GCSE exams. We have been incredibly impressed this first term of the year with the buy in and aspiration from students across the year group and we have seen some superb progress demonstrated in the completion of the first round of mock exams. The recent assessment window is a major tool in Y11 to gain valuable feedback from class teachers. Once students act on this feedback, we will hopefully see valuable gains in exam scores come summer. Students have been on board since day one in Year 11 and it is great to see students work hard and invest in their futures. I would like to take this opportunity to also thank all the students for their fantastic attitude on returning to the Academy after the Christmas break.

There has been a large amount of timetable changes since returning after the Christmas break. These changes are a result of analysing current data and meeting the demands of subjects which students may need a little extra input from subject specialists.

The Y11 team are aware of how important Prom is to students. At the start of the year, we set our expectations at attaining 92% attendance and an average of below 0.5 behaviour points per day. We are edging closer to exam season and, some of our Year 11's will be sitting 'real' exams in January. I would like to remind students of the expectations to hopefully act as an incentive to improve attendance and behaviour at such a vital time in the year for our students.

Year 11 Team

## **RAFFLE TICKETS**

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Year 11 Parents' Evening** (online) Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Year 11 Mocks Round 2 w/c Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

If your child comes home with a raffle ticket, please congratulate them!

Students can be rewarded with a raffle ticket by staff for being kind, courteous and polite around site.

These can be traded in for chances to win fantastic prizes!

Keep an eye out on our social media to find out who has won.

## CHRISTMAS DAY AT MALTBY ACADEMY

Christmas day at MA is a day dedicated to celebrating friendship and fostering a sense of community among students and staff. Students enjoyed a Christmas present courtesy of Father Christmas himself, as well as a visit from Rudolph and a Christmas Dinner sat together.

Christmas day is a time for community, one of our key drivers at Maltby Academy, and it was more evident than ever during our fantastic Christmas at MA!



### **MUSIC FOR YOUTH**

At the end of November, Katie (Y9) and Matthew (Y11) took part in the Music for Youth Proms at the Royal Albert Hall representing the South Yorkshire Orchestral Collective.

We are all super proud of both students for their achievements outside of MA.

MA wish both students best wishes in their musical journey and can't wait to hear of all their successes in the future

Well Done Katie and Matthew, keep up your amazing efforts





#### ATTENDANCE UPDATE – TERM 1 – 89%

Year 11 students have been made aware that the year group is currently under their target of 95% attendance. Attendance is a major player in terms of achieving potential in Year 11. Comparing to last year's figures, students who attended less than 95% of the time achieved substantially lower grades than those students who attended more than 95% of the time.

The Year 11 team has also spoken to students who are at risk of failing to meet this year's Prom criteria of 92% attendance. We made the decision to address this now, in order to allow students time to improve their attendance and gain an invite. It is not too late for students to begin to improve attendance, receive an invite to the Prom and see progressions in grades within subjects.

