

Tudor Grange Samworth Academy

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28th August 2026

Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family have had a restful and enjoyable summer break.

As we begin Year 11, I would like to welcome you and your child to what is one of the most important years of their education. The next **10 months** will provide significant opportunities for pupils to secure the qualifications they need for their chosen post-16 pathways and future careers.

Last summer's GCSE results demonstrated the continued improvements being made at the school. Progress improved for the 3rd consecutive year, and Mathematics outcomes strengthened significantly.

However, our ambition remains high. We know that the biggest opportunity for improvement lies in helping more pupils achieve:

- Grade 4 and above in English and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 and above in English and Mathematics.
- Stronger outcomes across Science and the wider curriculum.

The clearest message from our GCSE analysis is that pupils who attend regularly achieve better outcomes.

Every lesson builds upon previous learning. When pupils miss lessons, they miss vital explanations, modelling, practice and feedback that can be difficult to replicate.

Our data, alongside national research, continues to demonstrate a strong link between attendance and GCSE success.

I therefore ask for your support in ensuring that your child:

- Attends school every day.
- Arrives on time.
- Attends all intervention sessions when required.
- Avoids unnecessary absence.

Uniform, Equipment and Expectations

High standards remain important in Year 11.

Please ensure your child:

- Arrives in full school uniform each day.

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- Brings the correct equipment, including pens, pencils, ruler, calculator and planner.
- Has a suitable school bag.
- Is ready to learn from the start of the day.

These routines support good habits and maximise learning time.

Mobile Phones

We continue to operate a no mobile phone policy.

Phones must remain switched off and out of sight throughout the school day. We want pupils focused on learning and making the most of every opportunity available to them during this crucial year.

Our Year 11 Intervention Strategy

Year 11 pupils will benefit from a structured programme of support designed to help them know more, remember more and achieve more.

Trigger Sessions

Trigger Sessions are short interventions delivered through the Year 11 tutor programme.

These sessions focus on:

- Revisiting key concepts.
- Addressing common misconceptions.
- Strengthening foundational knowledge before it becomes a barrier to future learning.

Masterclasses (Period 6)

Masterclasses provide targeted intervention following assessments.

Using detailed analysis, teachers identify areas where pupils need additional support and provide focused teaching to close gaps in learning.

Pupils may be invited to attend:

- Subject Masterclasses.
- Small-group intervention.
- Targeted revision sessions.
- GCSE boundary support.

Attendance at these sessions will be essential where identified.

Seneca Learning

All Year 11 pupils will have access to **Seneca Learning**, our online homework and independent study platform.

Seneca is designed around retrieval practice, helping pupils revisit knowledge regularly and strengthen long-term memory.

Parents can also access their child's account to monitor:

- Homework completion.
- Participation.
- Progress and engagement.

We ask parents to check Seneca regularly and encourage pupils to complete all assigned work. Small amounts of regular practice can have a significant impact on GCSE outcomes.

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Year 11 is a partnership between school, pupils and parents. The pupils who achieve the strongest outcomes are typically those who:

- Attend well.
- Complete homework consistently.
- Engage positively in lessons.
- Make use of intervention opportunities.
- Revise regularly throughout the year.

We have a committed team of teachers and support staff who will work tirelessly to support every pupil. With your support at home, we can ensure that every child has the best possible chance of success.

Key Y11 dates this Half Term

- Tuesday 1st September - Race to 50 Attendance Challenge Starts
- Thursday 24th September - Whole School Photos
- Friday 2nd October - Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
- Thursday 8th October - Y11 Information & Parents Evening (5-7pm)
- Thursday 15th October - Top Banana Event
- Friday 16th October - Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
- Monday 19th to Friday 23rd October – Half term (school closed to pupils)
- Monday 26th October - Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to working closely with you throughout the year and celebrating the achievements of our Year 11 pupils in Summer 2027.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Bannon
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