



17 April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now started the final term for the Class of 2024. We are having an excellent first week back and the students continue to show the focus and maturity that will ensure they are fully prepared when the GCSEs arrive.

In this letter you will find information about:

- **Celebration Day**
- **Year 11 Photograph**

We are looking forward to our traditional Celebration Day on Friday 26 April. As usual, the day will commence with the Component 2 English Literature mock exam. This will give a final opportunity for students to practise and receive formal feedback on improvements they can make before exams begin. Once this is complete, the day will focus on reflecting on the students' time at Soham Village College. This will give them the space to look back and celebrate the journey they have been on together before the intense GCSE examination period starts. There will be a special assembly led by Mr Reay to mark the occasion and in the afternoon, there will be some entertainment provided for all students. Students will be allowed to engage in the tradition of shirt signing later in the day. We recommend that you send your child with a spare, older shirt as students will still be required to wear full school uniform after this date and signed ones will not be suitable. Students will hear more about the arrangement for this day in assembly this Friday.

The Year 11 photograph will take place during registration on the morning of Thursday 25 April. It is a really great occasion and very special to take one last formal school photograph of all the students as a year group. Students should wear normal school uniform however they can wear their leaver hoody instead of a blazer if they wish.

A reminder of the milestones left in year 11:

7 June – Year 11 formal lessons finish

After this date all students will be on study leave and only attending school for exams. Students will be able to apply for exceptional study leave slightly earlier than this date. Details about how to do this will be sent out within the next two weeks.

26 June – GCSE contingency date

In the event an exam is rescheduled, this is the final date it can be timetabled for. Students **must** be available until this date (JCQ national guidance).

28 June – Leavers' Prom!

This is held in our Performing Arts Centre and is the official final day for your child at Soham Village College.

22 August - GCSE Results Day

Results can be collected from Beechurst hall between 10am and 12 noon.



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The year group have been, and continue to be, a fantastic example to the younger years in school in the way they conduct themselves and we are very proud of them. We will continue to expect the highest standards of behaviour from every student. We reserve the right to withdraw the privilege to attend Celebration Day or the Prom if a student's conduct falls below an acceptable level.

Please discuss the contents of this letter with your child. If there is anything more you feel we can do to support your child through their GCSEs, please do not hesitate to contact us. More information about early study leave, Prom and Results Day will follow in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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