



14 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now started the final term for the Class of 2026.

In this letter you will find information about:

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

We are looking forward to having our traditional Celebration Day on Friday 24 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 later receive formal feedback on improvements they can make before this exam. Once this is complete, the day will focus on reflecting on the students' time at Soham Village College. This will give them the chance to look back and celebrate the journey they have been on together before the intense examination period starts. There will be a special assembly led by Mrs Spain 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 arrangements for this day in assembly this week.

The Year 11 photograph will take place during registration on the morning of Thursday 23 April. It is a 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 which includes their leavers hoody instead of a blazer if they wish.

A reminder of the milestones left in year 11:

21 April – Final GCSE exam timetable given to students

Students will receive their final timetable for the GCSEs during this week. This will include times, locations, tiers and arrangements for any scheduled clashes and will be printed on green paper. If there are any problems or queries, please contact Mrs Botcher, Exams Officer, as soon as possible: nbotcher@sohamvc.org

23 April – Year 11 Group Photograph

Students have a whole year group photograph. These will be available to purchase as usual and are a lovely way to remember their time at Soham Village College. The photograph will also be displayed in school along with all the years that have gone before them.

24 April – Celebration Day:

An opportunity to celebrate the past 5 years together and reflect on their journey through secondary school before we focus solely on the GCSEs.

8 June – Year 11 formal lessons have finished and all students are on study leave.

Students can still sign into school and study if they need to be in school. There will be designated classrooms and they will follow their timetabled as normal but work independently.



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24 June – GCSE contingency date

In the event an exam is rescheduled by the exam board, this is the final date it can be timetabled for. Students **must** be available until this date (JCQ national guidance). It is not a re-sit date, students **cannot** choose to sit an exam on this date if they miss one.

26 June – Leavers' Prom!

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

20 August – GCSE Results Day

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

The students have worked hard for 5 years and have placed themselves in an excellent position as the final exams approach. We are immensely proud of them and will do everything we can to maintain their focus and the high standards they have set. 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 GCSE timetables, Celebration Day, study leave, Prom and Results Day will follow in due course.

Yours faithfully,

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