

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Dear Year 11 Students and Families,

As we begin the new academic year, we are excited to introduce the refreshed Year 11 Prom and Last Day Point System.

We introduced this system in Year 10 to recognise students' effort, commitment, and the choices they make throughout their school journey. As we move into Year 11, we wanted to refresh the points system to give every student a fresh start and a renewed opportunity to work towards an exciting and rewarding year ahead. All students will begin Year 11 with a new total of **100** points.

Year 11 is a vital year for all students. It is a year of hard work, preparation, personal development, and important steps towards the future. We understand that this year can bring both opportunities and challenges, and we want every student to feel supported, encouraged, and confident in achieving their best.

Our school's aim is to work alongside students throughout the year, helping them to make positive choices, stay focused, and take pride in their achievements. The Prom and Last Day celebrations are significant milestones, and we want every student to have the chance to be part of these memorable events.

Immediately, all Year 11 students will begin with 100 points. These points determine eligibility for key end-of-year 11 events, including:

Year 11 Prom

Year 11 Last Day

Students will lose points for the following negative behaviour:

- Referral to reset
- Truancing
- Serious Incident
- Refusal
- Isolation
- Exclusion
- Unauthorized absence
- Incorrect uniform

The number of points deducted depends on the seriousness of the incident and is determined by the Senior Leadership Team. If a student's point total reaches 0 points, they will lose the right to attend the end of year 11 events. Points cannot go below zero and cannot be regained, so making positive choices during Year 11 is essential.

You will receive further communication if your child's points fall below key thresholds of 50 points, 25 points, 10 points, and 0 points. These updates are intended to keep you informed and allow us to work together in providing support and encouragement to help your child get back on track.

We appreciate the support of families as we work together to ensure a successful and productive GCSE experience.

If you have any questions about the point system or GCSE preparation, please contact Tom Fessey, Assistant Headteacher (tfessey@thedeacademy.org)

Kind regards,



Tom Fessey

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