

# Sponne School

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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the new school year. Although we are only a few days in, I am particularly impressed by the focus and enthusiasm that the year group has shown in their lessons. We have already conducted a number of learning walks and it is clear that students want to make the most of their time in preparation for their exams at the end of the year. There are a lot of different events going on this year in terms of exams and helping students decide on their destination. I have added them to the bottom of this letter for your reference.

This year we will be having a push on high expectations with this term's focus being mutual respect. The new Student Code of Conduct, created by students, embodies all of these expectations in and around school. Students will only be able to get uniform passes from Mrs Webster and with some communication from home so if there are issues with uniform, please do let us know.

Thank you for your support in year 10, in particular the English Literature exams and work experience. The students really stepped up their performance in the run up towards the exams and entered them with confidence following their own efforts. Hopefully this will prove to be advantageous for them when it comes to their final exams in other subjects during May and June next year. I was particularly pleased with the feedback I received from employers for our students on work experience. Employers spoke of dedication, work ethic and ingenuity that our students displayed. In previous years the students have returned to school displaying a significantly increased level of maturity and I am pleased to say that is once again the case.

In meetings with various parents over the last few months, one common theme that is causing students issues is the use of social media and mobile phones when they should be sleeping. We are aware that students are using them until the early hours of the morning and this has a knock on effect the following day at school. Can we have your support at home in ensuring that mobile phones are out of reach when your child should be sleeping.

We want to support our students as much as possible throughout this year. If you have any concerns that may affect your child's performance at school, please do not hesitate to contact us. Along with an exceptional team of form tutors in year 11, we have a very strong pastoral team here at Sponne to support students. I am pleased to say that Miss Ebbiary has become the assistant head of year, Miss McKinnon has joined the team with 11OE and Mrs Perks has joined 11STW. I have included the tutor emails on the next page.

I am looking forward to a successful year and may all our students dream, believe, achieve.

Kind regards

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#### Key Dates for year 11

Date	Event
14th-25th November 2022	Mock Exams 1
8th December	Parents Evening
12th January 2023	Into the 6th form evening
10th February	6th form application deadline
20th February-March 8th	Mock Exams 2
15th May (approximately)	GCSE Exams Start
25th May (approximately)	Final Assembly
End of June (approximately)	Year 11 Prom