



# Year 11 Newsletter – From Practice to Progress, December Edition

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Finley



Archie

## Student Spotlight

We are delighted to congratulate Finley on his outstanding performance at the East Coast Jiu-Jitsu Championship. Finley achieved a gold medal in the Open-Hand Kata category and also secured a silver medal in Continuous Fighting, competing against an opponent holding a black belt, a level representing a minimum of three years' additional experience compared to Finley's purple belt. This is a remarkable achievement and reflects Finley's dedication, skill and commitment to his sport.



We are delighted to share that Archie in Year 11 has reached another exciting milestone in his sporting journey, having signed a two-year scholarship with Burnley FC.

We are incredibly proud of Archie's achievements and look forward to following his continued success both on and off the pitch. His dedication, hard work, and commitment to football are truly inspiring, and it is fantastic to see him performing at such a high level.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Year 11 Mock Results Jan 8, 2026

On 8 July, Year 11 students will receive their mock examination results for all subjects. These results provide valuable insight into each student's progress, highlighting strengths and areas for further development ahead of their final examinations.

### Y11 Parents Evening Jan 29, 2026

An important opportunity to discuss your young learners progress and next steps after mocks as we move further into the GCSE year.

### Awards Evening Jan 7, 2026

Our upcoming Awards Evening will celebrate the achievements of our students. If your young person has been invited, we look forward to welcoming you to the event and sharing in their success.

# Wrapping Up the Term, Ready for Tomorrow



We would like to congratulate all students on the effort, dedication and maturity they have shown during their recent mock examinations. Completing these assessments is an important milestone and reflects the commitment many students have demonstrated during what can be a demanding and challenging period of the academic year.

Mock examinations provide valuable insight into students' progress, helping them to identify strengths while also highlighting areas for development ahead of the final examinations. While results are important, it is equally important to emphasise that mocks are a learning opportunity rather than a final judgement. What matters most is how students respond to feedback and use it to move forward.

We are grateful for the ongoing support parents provide during this crucial stage of their child's education. Together, we can help students build the confidence, resilience and perseverance needed to achieve their full potential.



Ria & Matilda

## Attendance

Overall attendance for Year 11 currently stands at **95.59%**, although there is still a little room for improvement. Congratulations to **11G**, who achieved the highest attendance among the Year 11 tutor groups with an impressive **96.61%**. Well done, **11G!**

A special mention also goes to all the students who achieved **100%** attendance so far this academic year; this represents well over half of the year group, which is a fantastic achievement. Keep up the great work!

## Achievement Points

Congratulations to Ayaan, Olivia and Aggie for earning the highest achievement points this term! Your hard work, dedication and positive attitude have truly paid off. Well done!



Message from Mr Shah

*Wishing all our students and parents a wonderful Christmas holiday and a very Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break, take time to relax and celebrate with family and friends and make happy memories. Thank you for all your support this term, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting and successful year ahead.*

-Mr Shah

Staff Feature

*A message from Mrs Kinney*



*To the most amazing Year 11 Group,*

*You are a truly special group of lovely people and a Year Group that will be always in my heart.*

*Good luck with your exam in the summer, take care!*

*Mrs Kinney*



## Artificial intelligence

AI is a powerful tool that can help students learn more effectively by providing personalised resources, instant feedback, and support with organisation and research. However, parents should be mindful of potential drawbacks, such as over-reliance limiting independent thinking, and concerns around data privacy. Encouraging responsible use ensures AI enhances learning while still developing essential skills.

"Please take time to talk with your young person about how they use AI; a few open conversations can make a big difference in keeping them safe online." - Mr Shah

### Online Safety Newsletter

We wanted to share with you our most recent Online Safety Newsletter, which contains valuable information and tips to help support your child's digital well-being

[CRGS Online Safety Newsletter January 2026](#)

## Celebrating Successes

We would love to hear about any achievements your young person has had outside of school. Please keep us updated so we can celebrate their successes together!



Ewan, Evan & George

MERRY  
*Christmas*

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Vansh & James

James

We are so proud of our students who helped out during the Christmas lunch this year. Their kindness, teamwork and willingness to pitch in made the day run smoothly.

Not to mention their festive Christmas outfits, which brought extra cheer and a few laughs to the occasion. From joy to quirky accessories, their creativity really helped make the lunch a memorable event.

Well done to all, your hard work, festive spirit and sense of fun made a real difference and captured the true spirit of the season.

