



24 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Update

As we begin this crucial year for our Year 11 students, I would like to share some key updates about the support we are putting in place to help every student achieve their full potential.

As a Redhill Academy Trust school, we are committed to raising the achievement of all students. With this in mind, we recently spoke to Year 11 about the year ahead and how they can make the most of the opportunities available to them.

Assertive Mentoring

We are pleased to continue our Assertive Mentoring programme this year. Each student is paired with a dedicated member of staff who will meet with them once every half term to review academic progress, set personalised targets, and offer guidance and encouragement. These sessions are designed to help students stay focused, motivated, and supported throughout the year, especially as they prepare for their GCSEs.

Power Hour

Our Power Hour programme will formally begin on Thursday 25 September with maths. This replaces what previous year groups may have known as Period 6. Sessions run from 3:10pm to 4:10pm, and we strongly encourage students to attend at least two sessions per week. These sessions are tailored to support learning and revision in key subjects and offer a valuable opportunity to consolidate knowledge and receive targeted support.

You can find the full schedule of Power Hour sessions [here](#)

Mastery Programme

On Friday 3 October, we will launch our Mastery Programme with all Year 11 students. Each week, students will be given a set of 10–15 key facts and answers to learn, focusing on essential knowledge for their upcoming practice exams in English, maths, and science. These facts will be quizzed during Friday tutor time and shared via ClassCharts. We would greatly appreciate your support in encouraging your child to learn these facts each week. Regular retrieval practice is proven to boost memory and understanding, and we believe this will make a real difference in both mock and final exam performance.

Make it Count Event

We are excited to host our Make it Count event on Tuesday 14 October at 6pm. This informative session will feature presentations from the Heads of English, maths, and science, offering practical advice on revision strategies and how best to prepare for success in Year 11.

Attendance, Effort and Homework

In addition to the support outlined above, we want to emphasise the importance of consistent attendance, focused effort in lessons, and completing homework to a high standard. Every lesson counts, and students who attend regularly are far more likely to achieve their target grades. Likewise, engaging fully in class and taking pride in homework helps to reinforce learning and build confidence.

We ask for your continued support in encouraging your child to:

- Attend school every day, on time and ready to learn.
- Work hard in every lesson and participate actively.
- Complete all homework tasks to the best of their ability.

These habits are essential for success and will make a significant difference in the months ahead.

Key dates

Date	Event
w/c Monday 13 October 2025	Year 11 review week
Tuesday 14 October 2025	Year 11 Make it Count event
w/c 17 November 2025 for 2 weeks	Year 11 written exams begin
Wednesday 7 January 2026	Parents' evening

We are proud of the positive start Year 11 have made and are confident that, with the right support and commitment, they can achieve great things this year. Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions or would like further information about any of the initiatives mentioned, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully



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