

5th March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Updates**Supporting Your Child Monday 16th March 6pm**

We would like to invite you to the college on the evening of Monday 16th March at 6pm. The purpose of this evening will be to share ways in which you can support your child at home with revision and strategies on how to ease anxieties they may feel around exams. There will be a presentation from the core subjects – English, Mathematics and Science – where the key content shared in advance by the exam boards will be clearly set out. We will also provide an update on other Year 11 matters including the accepting of offers from Post-16 centres and the collection of results in the summer. This is an evening that will be useful to parents and students so we would encourage students to attend with you.

Leavers' Hoodie

We are offering Year 11 students the chance to purchase a Leavers' Hoodie as a memento of their last year at Ely College.

The design will have a personalised name across the front along with Ely College and on the back, "2026" which will be made up of student's full names. Hoodies can be ordered in Navy, Grey or Black. The cost of a hoodie will be £24.00. I will have samples that I will take to Needhams Hall over the coming weeks when I am on lunch duty so that students can try on for size.

Please enter the colour and size on MCAS when paying for the hoodie. The name on the front of the hoodie must be sensible and appropriate. There is no option to add a comment / the name on MCAS so please email hoodies@elycollege.co.uk with your receipt / proof of purchase email with the required name. This should include capital letters, lower case and gaps in wording as appropriate. Students will be able to wear the hoodies in college once they have been received. All other school uniform rules will continue to apply. If your son/daughter would like to order a hoodie, please make a payment online along with the details. The deadline for orders is 26th March. We are unable to accept late orders due to the printing schedule.

Year 11 Group Photograph 12th March

Year 11 will have a year group photograph taken on Thursday 12th March.

Each child will be photographed individually and then be superimposed onto a background. This keeps time out of lessons to a minimum. Details on how to purchase and the cost of the photograph will follow in due course. Usual school rules on makeup, jewellery and uniform apply. We hope that the photograph will be a great memory of students' time at Ely College to look back at in years to come.

Year 11 Wellbeing Day Friday 27th March

Usual lessons will be suspended for a 'Year 11 Wellbeing Day' where students will be involved in whole-group workshop in period 1 that will introduce the day's focus. In advance of the day, students will be able to select different events to be involved in during periods 2-5. We hope that it allows students to enjoy some new activities and consider how they can positively support their wellbeing. I can confirm it will a non-uniform day for Year 11. Please ensure that clothing is appropriate for school and comfortable, especially if they choose to participate in a sporting activity, as we won't have access to changing rooms. We are really looking forward to a positive day with Year 11.

Prom 26th June

We are still intending to proceed with the Prom on 26th June and further details including the purchase of tickets, will follow in due course.

We have some beautiful dresses that our Year 11s are very welcome to borrow in a selection of sizes that have been provided by Something Special and Richard Designs. We want to support any student who might appreciate the opportunity to try on and wear one of these dresses. In the first instance, families or students can let me know directly or their House Offices and we will make plans for students to look at these dresses and try them on. We also have some suits that can also be borrowed.

Yours faithfully,

Rachael Mustill
Assistant Principal