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Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers

At Oaklands we expect our students to maintain very high standards of behaviour, take pride in their education and strive to achieve success in all that they do. With this in mind, an initiative was launched in the Year 11 Assembly on 30th September: ***'Earn your Privileges'***.

There are a number of occasions in Year 11 where the school has procedures and events that recognise the increasing maturity of the year group. These events include study leave for the practice exams in December, study leave during GCSE examinations and the Year 11 Prom. All of these events are privileges, not rights and the privilege of study leave or the privilege of attendance at the Prom go hand in hand with being a successful student.

To attend the Prom

All students will be issued with a Passport and have been told they need to gain a required point score in 10 out of 13 areas. Points will be awarded for EPraise, attendance, punctuality, homework, commitment to extra-curricular activities along with other achievements and the passport is closely linked to the school's set of expectations, sanctions and rewards.

The Passport seeks to provide students with a structure to help ensure they achieve their academic potential. For the vast majority of students, this scheme will be an opportunity for them to have their excellent behaviour, achievements and all round performance in school formally recognised.

If students fail to gain the allotted amount of points, the Senior Leadership Team will review their situation and ultimately make the final decision as to whether or not they will be allowed to attend the Prom. Like all other decisions made at school, individual circumstances will always be taken into account. This is the second year we have operated an 'Earn your Privileges' scheme; last year a number of students fell below the level expected and were not permitted to participate in celebrations at the end of the year. We sincerely hope this will not be the case with this year group.

To be released for Study Leave in December and May

All students have been informed that they need to achieve Learning Behaviours of Grades A and B and have attendance of 95% or greater. Students who do not satisfy these criteria will remain in school during the exam period and have additional support to help catch up with the learning missed as a result of poor learning behaviours / attendance.

The 'Earn your Privileges' scheme has been explained to all students; we have added the presentation given to the students onto our school website so please take an opportunity to view this and discuss it with your child. Their Passport should be kept with their planners and we would very much appreciate you monitoring your child's progress by discussing this with them on a regular basis.

The Senior Leadership Team will write to inform you in November whether your child has been successful in achieving study leave during the December mock examination period.

Further communication will follow at various points in the academic year.

Many thanks for your anticipated support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'JULIE Oldroyd'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'J'.

Mrs J Oldroyd
Deputy Head

cc: Mrs A Bonnington, Head of Year