

16 October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

There is a lot to look forward to as your child approaches the end of their time with us at Colchester Academy. Year 11 is an important and memorable year, with plenty of opportunities to celebrate their achievements and make lasting memories with friends.

We appreciate that this can also be a busy time for families, and that there may be some additional costs along the way. We wanted to share these with you as early as possible so that you have plenty of time to plan ahead and budget for the year.

Below is a guide to some of the costs you may wish to consider over the coming months:

- Individual photographs: These took place today, and you will have the opportunity to purchase the photograph over the next few months if you wish to do so.
- Year 11 Prom: We are currently estimating the ticket price to be £52. The Prom will take place on Thursday 8 July 2027 at Wivenhoe House and is invite only. Payments will begin in March of next year for those invited.
- Leavers' Hoodie: This is a lovely keepsake for students to remember their time at Colchester Academy. A hoodie will cost £21 and payments will be open in January and February 2027.
- Year 11 group photograph: This is scheduled to take place on 16 April 2027. There will be an opportunity to purchase a copy, with orders available for a few weeks following the photography session.

Please be assured that all of the costs listed above are estimates where applicable, and all purchases are entirely optional. You are welcome to choose whichever items, if any, are right for your family. Please also be aware that any payments made are non-refundable. Photographs taken at the Prom will be available to purchase separately through Vancols after the event, at an additional cost.

We hope that sharing this information in advance will help you feel prepared for the year ahead and give you time to make any arrangements that suit your family. Most importantly, we want all our Year 11 students to enjoy their final year, make special memories with their friends and feel proud of everything they have achieved during their time at Colchester Academy.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Mr. St Claire
Head of Year 11