



Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to inform you of some important changes relating to our support for Year 11 students during the coming year. You will be aware, the academy has designated staff training days where staff are upskilled in various aspects of teaching and pupil learning. During these days the academy is closed to Year 7 to 10 students.

Having reviewed the training days we are going to use this time more purposefully in supporting our Year 11 students preparing them for the summer examinations and ensuring that they achieve the best possible grades. As a result the academy will be delivering vital compulsory Year 11 intervention days alongside the staff training.

We are clear on our direction and the need to give each and every boy an opportunity to reach their potential and cannot make it any clearer that these days are essential in them achieving or exceeding their target grades. The interventions will be subject specific, purposeful and individually targeted to the needs of each student.

We expect every boy to attend these sessions in full academy uniform which our specialist staff will deliver. These sessions will be in addition to the normal curriculum coverage and will not be repeated.

Thank you for supporting our drive to improve your sons GCSE grades this coming summer and ensuring they attend the planned sessions on each of the days below. We are fully aware of the importance of targeted interventions and the positive impact it has on grades. Improving the career and future opportunities for each and every student is of the utmost importance to us at Ark William Parker.

We have a clear and focussed approach planned to ensure your son has the best possible chance this coming summer and with your support we will work together to give them a strong chance of reaching their potential.

The focussed intervention days will be:

Wednesday 21st December
Monday 30th January
Thursday 9th and Friday 10th February
Friday 31st March

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to welcoming your son on the intervention days above.

Yours sincerely

Nicholas Burchell
Assistant Principal