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Dear Parent/Carer

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR EXAM STUDENTS

I am writing to advise you of the additional programme of support which will be in place for your son throughout the course of this year to help him improve his exam results at the end of Year 11.

One of the key functions of education is to give young people genuine choice about their futures and this is achieved through strong exam results. Whether your son knows what he wants to do in the future or not and whether he believes he will need qualifications for his chosen career or not, he needs to leave education knowing that he has real choices throughout his working life because his qualifications are sufficient to allow him to change his mind, try other things and gain the career he wants.

We will be providing several additional routes for extra support above and beyond timetabled lessons throughout the year and we believe that all students should be making full use of all of these. We would really appreciate your support in ensuring that your son attends as much and as many of these as possible – thank you in advance for working with us.

Intervention Days

Whenever staff have training days, we will be expecting all of Year 11 in to school to work on specific exam work – these are compulsory days for year 11 which form a part of their statutory educational days – they are not optional. The work done on these days will not be repeated at any other time in the year and, therefore, any student not attending is likely to gain lower grades than those attending. Should you wish to have further information about when these days are, please visit our website where the calendar is available for you.

Holiday Intervention

We shall be running intervention sessions in a number of the academy holidays throughout the year, the first of those being October half-term. Subject to availability, it would be hugely beneficial to your son to attend the sessions relating to subjects he studies. These provide extra time that is not available within the timetable so again, students making full use of these are likely to gain higher grades in the summer.

The schedule for October half-term is enclosed with this letter.

Evening School

We shall be providing sessions after school hours to extend the day for students in year 11 and give them additional tuition and support. These will run throughout the year and are all set out on the programme included with this letter. Again, these are important opportunities for your son to improve his grades and attendance is therefore really important.

We do hope that you will support these opportunities for further work with staff during the course of the year. We know that last minute work and revision has only a limited impact on exam outcomes and that the way to be successful with GCSEs is to work consistently throughout the year. Students should be devising a study schedule which they follow from this point onwards, ensuring that they cover every subject they study in the programme. As well as completing homework, they should go back over work done in class, read it again and make notes and then memorize their notes. They should use revision websites and practise exam questions regularly. We will, additionally, be purchasing revision guides which students should use and work through to cover every topic within them.

We look forward to working with you throughout the year. Should you have concerns or questions, please do feel free to contact us. We would be very glad to hear from you.

Yours sincerely



Jane Fletcher

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