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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11

I wanted to write to reflect on what has generally been a positive and purposeful start to Year 11.

This final GCSE year is a significant milestone, and it is important to recognise those who have returned with a commitment to learning and determination to succeed. Many have begun to take ownership of their progress and committed to our extra-curricular revision offer. Numbers attending after school Maths have been hovering around 90 from the year group and similarly English numbers sit at 100.

Mock examinations are a not-too-distant dot on the calendar that we are collectively working towards. This week, students have been involved in revision workshops to help generate a clarity to what effective revision looks like. Our internal mentoring programme has started, and students have started the cycle of external career guidance sessions, both designed to support students prepare confidently for the months ahead.

Centralised assessment data has been pooled to create an overview of each child's academic progress/attainment, including forecast grades and where teachers judge students most likely to achieve based on current trends. We also have attitude to learning data that sits alongside this that has been reported home. Of course, Parents' Evening (the first of two this year) is a hugely valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress with class teachers, and we welcome you all this Thursday.

Many students have been busily collecting credits to gain access to our Dress up Day reward in December. Impressively, we have 56 students who have already surpassed 50 credits to date. Mock examination timetables will be circulated the first week back after half-term and I hope we can build some momentum towards those after a welcome break over the holidays.

We continue to promote the importance of consistent attendance across our Year 11 cohort. So much evidence highlights the positive link between attendance and attainment, and I congratulate all those students who have managed to consistently attend each day. Unfortunately, our Year 11 average attendance is 90% which sits below national comparisons for Year 11. I hope that we can build on this after an opportunity to recharge the batteries over half-term.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I wish you a restful half-term.

Yours sincerely

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