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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11 Attendance

I am writing to clarify expectations around school attendance, particularly in relation to students remaining at home to complete independent revision. We have seen a significant level of absence today amongst Year 11 students and I wanted to ensure that there is a clarity with all parents in relation to attendance expectations, being such a crucial time.

We want to support all students in achieving their best, and structured revision is an important part of this. However, this must take place alongside full attendance at school, where students benefit from:

- Expert teaching and guided revision
- Guidance in terms of paper predictions and key areas of focus
- Access to resources and feedback
- A structured and supportive learning environment

Today we have planned and delivered a two-hour focused revision session for all Year 11 students in readiness for their English language paper tomorrow and I am concerned by the number of students that will miss this support through absence today. This is one of many interventions that we have planned and resourced so to ensure that our students have the best support possible in the build up to each examination.

For these reasons, we expect all students in Year 11 to attend fully until their official leaving date of Friday 12 June. I understand that this stressful time places demands on students and wider families, but we have worked hard to squeeze every marginal gain from the time we have remaining in school. This includes re-timetabling so to ensure that students get extra contact with specialist teachers. I please ask of your continued support in ensuring that your child attends consistently in the remaining days of their Year 11 journey.

If your child is finding attendance difficult or feels that revision needs would be better supported, please contact Mr Abrey so we can work together to put appropriate support in place.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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