



Dear Parents / Carers of Year 11 students

As you are no doubt aware, your child is currently in their most significant school year to date. As a school we are providing a number of different opportunities to support our year 11 students in the coming year. They are our number one priority.

We will ensure there is a full programme of support for Year 11 including support for revision skills, careers guidance to ensure that each student makes the right choices for their next stage of education, as well as support for their well-being and sessions on how to prepare for this year's examinations.

## Period 6

One crucial opportunity available to all is our Period 6 programme. This is additional time for students to work with teachers from 3.00 – 4:00pm each day. This time is crucial in helping students to learn key concepts, catch up on content and also to effectively revise key knowledge and skills ahead of their mock and real GCSE examinations. Please note that for year 11 every minute counts and it is vital they attend every session. Our analysis has shown that, the more of these sessions' students attend, the better they do in their final exams.

The timetable for this half term of sessions will run from Monday 9th September

Day	Subject
Monday	Maths
Tuesday	English
Wednesday	Science
Thursday	History/Geography/Spanish
Friday	BTEC Coursework Catch Up

These sessions are an important tool in providing students with revision material and techniques for their forthcoming assessments.

Due to other school commitments, sessions will not run on the following date. Reminder texts will be sent out before each occasion.

Thursday 19th September – School Open Day

### **Mentoring Programme**

We have also launched our mentoring programme for Year 11. Every Year 11 student has been assigned a member of staff in the school who will support them with any challenges they face but also discuss with them their future plans Post 16 and look at ways in which we can support your child to make the right decision moving forward. Your child's mentor will be introducing themselves to your child over the coming week. They will also be a point of contact for you as parents.

### **Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 6pm**

One of the options available to your child at the end of their Year 11 studies is to join our successful Sixth Form should they achieve the entry requirements. The Year 13 students who left Alsop in the Summer enjoyed huge personal successes with 80% of students securing a place in their first choice University or apprenticeship. We hope that your child sees their future Post 16 years here at Alsop and to introduce them to the educational offer available to them. I hope you will join us on this important evening. More details regarding timings will be sent out by the Sixth Form Team.

### **Steps to Success Evening- Thursday 26th September starting at 5:00pm.**

To support you as parents and your child navigate their way through Year 11 and prepare for their GCSEs we are holding our Year 11 Steps to Success Evening on During this session we will be publishing key dates for mock examinations, coursework deadlines, revision materials and examination protocols that your child will need to ensure they are fully prepared and successful in their final examinations.

As ever, thank you for your continued help and support,

Miss Nicki Bruns  
Vice Principle