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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of some important dates and events on the horizon for your year 11 son/daughter. This is a very important year and much of the preparation for the summer examinations has begun. Prior to the Christmas break we had our finals (mock examinations) and your son/daughter will be receiving these in the coming weeks during a 1:1 meeting with a senior leader or pastoral member of staff.

Week commencing 20th January – 1:1 interviews & mock results issued (a copy will be sent/emailed home too)
5th February – Human Utopia “motivational, life changing courses for young people”
27th February – Progress Evening #2 – final opportunity to meet with your child’s teachers, reports handed out
7th April – Easter holiday fortnight – there will be extra revision sessions available throughout, schedule to follow
2nd May – Final day for reward sticker collection (details below)
8th May – Main GCSEs begin
19th June - Final GCSE date
25th June - Contingency day in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the UK
27th June - Prom

“Stop the Drop” Reward Scheme

We have found that students who attend after school intervention sessions tend to perform better in the summer examinations than those that do not. As such we are looking to **incentivise the attendance at non-core after school/Easter school sessions**, building upon the scheme offered last year. This will reward those students that attend anyway and may also act as a motivator for those that are more reluctant.

Your son/daughter will be issued with a personalised reward sticker card. They will need to collect 18 stickers by attending relevant after school/Easter school sessions to qualify for a **£60 reward**. We have canvassed the students and this money will either be discounted from their year book/hoodie/prom ticket OR if these are already paid for an Amazon voucher. Last year around 100 students completed the scheme. The scheme will run from Monday 20th January to Friday 2nd May 2025. All students will begin with £60 monty pounds in their “account”, which will reduce if they do not attend a certain number of interventions by certain deadlines. In order to **“stop the drop”** they will need to attend 4 non-core after school sessions by February Half Term to stop their reward dropping by £10 to £50 (and so on). **They will need to look after their card carefully as we will not be responsible for lost cards.** At the end of a session students will be issued with the relevant subject sticker, assuming they have been well behaved and attentive throughout the session. Please ask to see their card once these have been issued. More detail about the process is included on the reverse of the card or feel free to telephone me or email at c.montgomery@montgomery.fcat.org.uk if you wish to discuss this further.

Compulsory Period 6

In addition to the optional reward scheme for non-core after school sessions detailed above we will be running some compulsory period 6 sessions **for some students** in English, maths and science. These sessions will take place on Tuesday for Maths and Science and Thursday for English and Science. The sessions will be compulsory where we do not feel students are working with enough **effort** in class or on homework tasks to be successful in the summer. Whilst a 4 o'clock finish may be inconvenient for some families we are sure you can appreciate the added weight from colleges and employers for passes at least at grade 4 in core subjects (English, maths and science). Students will be identified for a three-week block and you will be informed if they are required in attendance for one or both of these sessions per week. There will be separate optional core sessions on these evenings for any other students that wish to come along.

We wish your sons and daughters well over the coming months and are here to support you with them in what can be, for some, a stressful time. I look forward to seeing many of you in person at the Progress Evening at the end of February and at other events throughout the year.

Best wishes,

Clare Montgomery

Mrs C Montgomery - Senior Deputy Headteacher



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