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Dear Parents and Carers,

Important Year 11 GCSE Exam Preparation Information

As you will be aware your child received their Year 10 mock exam results just before the summer holidays. To go through those results with you as parents and offer further support for your child, we would like to invite you to the Year 11 Parents' Evening which will take place on **Tuesday 16 September from 4.00 - 6.30 pm**. Appointments can be booked in the usual way via the '*Parents' Evening System*' link on the school website. You will notice that the website has been updated and you need to scroll to the bottom of the homepage where you will see the link in the blue band at the bottom.

We are now entering a crucial phase for all Year 11 students as we are now only 11 school weeks away from the start of the first Year 11 mock exam series. It is now more important than ever that we work together, parents and teachers, to ensure that we can best support and prepare our children for these exams. At Parents' Evening, we will share the timetable of *Exam Preparation sessions* for students. You will also be asked to sign our Y11 Parent/ Carer Partnership Working Agreement to commit to supporting your child in Y11.

A copy of the weekly *Exam Preparation timetable* will be available on our school website in the pupils section under year 11. This will become an important link for all Year 11 parents, so that you will be able to find information about exam times and arrangements.

In preparation for the mock exams, taking part in all Exam Preparation sessions in school, completing homework and revising at home will be crucial to your child's success. Your child should be expecting to complete at least 2 hours of homework or revision every night now up to these mock exams. Please make sure that you have downloaded the 'Classcharts app' from your app store to keep up to date on the homework that your child has been set. A code has previously been sent to you to allow you to log into Classcharts. Extended Learning Time (ELT) runs each lunchtime and afterschool on a Friday to support students who fall behind on their homework. You will be able to see on the Classcharts app if your child has been referred to ELT.

As adults, we all know that anything in life that is worth having takes a great deal of hard work and effort to achieve. There will be times over the next few weeks where your child questions the need to be completing work, or to be working so hard, please help us to encourage them and help them to see that they will be rewarded in the summer when they achieve great things.

If you have any questions about the above, please contact myself, Mr. McAuley or Mrs. Shaw at school.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher



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