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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 Fish & Tips Evening and Revision Programme

We are excited to welcome back our Year 11 students after the summer break, and our learning is now well underway in the autumn term. Year 11 is a crucial year in your child's education, and at St. Michael's, we offer a comprehensive programme of support. This programme is designed to ensure that your child will be well prepared and confident as they approach their public examinations in the summer.

Schools and families must work closely together for children to succeed. To keep you informed of everything we are doing at St. Michael's to support your child and to help you to understand how to support your child's attainment, I would like to warmly invite students and their families to our **"Fish and Tips" Achievement Evening from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm on Wednesday 2 October**. During this evening, families will have the opportunity to learn more about the comprehensive package we have in place for our students this year. You will also be able to participate in our revision carousel, where you can gain first-hand experience with various revision techniques before relaxing together to enjoy a complimentary fish and chip supper for the whole family. If you would like to join us on Wednesday 2 October, please complete the attached link to let us know how many people will be coming so that we can plan the catering accordingly.

Our dedicated teachers will kindly offer additional revision sessions after school each day as part of our Achievement Programme. These sessions proved invaluable in securing excellent attainment for last year's Year 11 students. The **after-school revision will run each night apart from Tuesday starting Monday 16 September** for the next seven weeks leading to the November Mock Examinations. The timetable for these sessions is attached to this letter, and students have received a copy to take home. Revision sessions run from **3.30 pm to 4.30 pm**; refreshments are provided from 3.30 pm in the dining hall. A minibus will be available to assist with transportation to Norton, Wynyard and Port Clarence. Students wishing to use this service can request a place on the bus at student reception each day.

We strongly encourage all students to attend every revision session. Regular revision is crucial for reinforcing learning, improving understanding, and confidence and securing success in examinations. Your involvement in ensuring your child's attendance at all revision sessions is integral to their success. Please note that revision for each subject is for all students, except for mathematics, which is for selected students only. On Thursdays, other subjects may also schedule additional intervention sessions to support revision or the completion of controlled assessments. If your child has any difficulties attending revision on a particular day, they must inform Mr. Tate or myself. I would also like to promote the use of our excellent Learning Resource Centre which students may use from 8:30am each morning and after school for independent study and homework.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to welcoming you to our Year 11 Parents' Evening this coming Tuesday 17 September, appointments should be booked in the usual way.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew McAuley
Deputy Headteacher



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