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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 student support: Extended Learning Time; Intervention Program and On-line Tutoring

Firstly, I would like to say how lovely it was to see so many of you at our special Year 11 Parents' Information Evening last week. I hope that you found it helpful and informative as you look at how best to support your child in this important school year. I had hoped to have this letter out to you sooner, but with our visit from Ofsted last week, it has meant that I have not been able to write to you before now.

I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you about some of the different ways in which we can support your child in their final year. The first way we can do this is by offering 'Extended Learning Time'. This is in place to support those students who are struggling to meet deadlines for the completion of homework. We will be relaunching Extended Learning Time (ELT) from Monday 26 September 2022. It will run from 3.25 - 4.25 pm and all students that have failed to complete their homework will have to attend ELT to complete this work. Homework is a vital part of the work that your child needs to do to be successful at GCSE level. You will be sent a text to let you know that your child has been placed on ELT and you will need to contact the school directly if your child is unable to attend on that evening. Your child will then be expected to attend the following night.

A second way of supporting students is through our school intervention program. Some students have been selected to complete interventions in a range of different subjects. These are timetabled to take place at lunchtimes and after school. For students that have been asked to take part in the intervention sessions, a minibus will be put on at 4.30 pm to drop students at a central location in Norton. Students will be told how to book a place on the minibus should they need it to be able to get home. The intervention timetable can be found on the curriculum link on the Homepage of the school website.

Finally, the school will be using the national program of On-line tutoring support during this academic year. When a child accesses tutoring in this way, they will need to be able to access on-line from home. Students will be put in small groups of three and will have an hour-long on-line tutoring session with a tutor and two other students in that group each week. On-line tutoring will be offered for maths, English and science.

Students will be given the log-in details when they are registered. Attendance at these sessions is vital as the school will be paying for these at additional cost. If your child is selected to access on-line tutoring, we would ask that you make school aware if they are going to be unable to attend a session, as students that do not attend will be removed from the program and their place offered to another student.

As ever, should you have any questions about the provision of exam support for your child, please do not hesitate to contact me at chumble@stmichaels.bhcet.org.uk If you have any pastoral support queries, please do not hesitate to contact either Mr. Hall, Year 11 PLM Y11 at Thall@stmichaels.bhcet.org.uk or Miss. Gordon, Year 11 APLM at bgordon@stmichaels.bhcet.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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