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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final months before the Year 11 GCSE examinations, we are committed to ensuring that every student feels confident, well-prepared, and supported to achieve their very best. With this in mind, we will be setting additional English and maths homework each week for all Year 11 students.

This extra practice is designed to strengthen key skills, address any gaps in understanding, and build the exam-ready confidence students need. Research consistently shows that regular, purposeful homework has a positive impact on student progress—particularly in core subjects. The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF), for example, highlights homework as a strategy that can provide up to five months of additional progress, especially when tasks are tightly connected to classroom learning.

There will be three homeworks for English going forward. One will be Knowledge Organiser as before, with words, terms, quotations and context to read, cover, say, write and check in practice books to help students learn them for the exam. There will be set texts on Sparx Reader, which will encourage students to re-read and complete practice questions on 'Macbeth' and 'Jekyll & Hyde' ahead of exams; there will be opportunities in school to use Chromebooks for this. There will also be exam style questions set on Google Classroom each week, also to be completed in practice books, starting with some creative writing. For those who have yet to join, the Classroom code is p2s6de32.

For maths, Year 11 students need to complete 100% of Sparx Maths (or one hour of attempting questions if they don't complete 100%, utilising the videos for support where necessary) per week. This is due by 23:00 on Monday evening. In addition, a double page of their 'survivor's guide' revision books need to be completed. The page numbers will be communicated by the class teacher. Students have been issued with two of these revision books. Only pages from one book need to be completed, but students are welcome to work ahead on any of the questions in the revision guides. This homework will be checked on a Tuesday in class. Detentions will be issued for incomplete homework.

By completing this additional practice, students can consolidate what they have learned, increase their accuracy and confidence, and develop effective independent study habits—another key predictor of GCSE success.

We kindly ask for your support in encouraging your child to complete this work each week. A consistent routine at home can make a significant difference, and we truly value the partnership between school and families in helping students achieve their goals.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help our Year 11 students fulfil their potential.

Yours faithfully,

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