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Dear Parents, Carers, and Year 11 Students,

Maximising Every Moment – Year 11 Attendance and Exam Boosters

As we enter the final, critical weeks of the GCSE and BTEC examination period, I want to take a moment to congratulate our Year 11 students on the resilience and focus they have shown so far. They have navigated the start of this exam season with great maturity, and they should be proud of their efforts.

However, we are now at a pivotal crossroads. With the finish line in sight, it is vital that students do not "go off the boil" or allow their focus to slip. The grades achieved in August are often decided by the dedication shown in these final few weeks. Every single mark matters, and maintaining momentum right now is crucial to securing final outcomes that reflect our students' true potential.

To ensure every student has the best possible chance of success, our teaching staff have invested an immense amount of time preparing targeted, high-impact exam booster sessions, masterclasses, and bespoke resources, such as past papers. These sessions are deliberately designed to deliver vital exam techniques, catch common misconceptions, and reinforce key foundational knowledge immediately before students walk into the exam hall.

With this in mind, we want to reiterate that our expectations have not changed and remain exceptionally high. Please note the following requirements for the remainder of the exam season:

Full attendance in all timetabled lessons remains an expectation. Normal lessons where content is being revised are vital; these are not optional, and students should not opt out of them to revise independently at home.

Booster Session Engagement: Attendance at all booster sessions is expected.

Standards and Conduct: High standards of behaviour are expected in lessons, booster sessions and in the exam hall. Focus and uniform are required until the very last exam is completed.

We know that students are tired, and the temptation to switch off as the exam period winds down is strong. However, it is simply too near the end to disengage now. We need our students to dig deep, commit to every session, and utilise the expert support their teachers are providing.

Parents and carers, we thank you for your continued partnership and ask that you reinforce these high expectations at home by ensuring your child attends every school session available to them.

Let's work together to finish this journey as strongly as we started it.

Yours faithfully Mrs K Biddle, Vice Principal