



2 November 2018

Dear Parent / Carer,

Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening – 5th November 2018

The Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening will be held on Monday 5th November 2018 between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm and we hope that you will be able to attend. A second consultation evening is planned for Monday 29th April, which will be based upon revision techniques, subject specific guidance and targeted support for individual students. The two evenings are intended to be very different, with the first offering detailed feedback about how students are doing in their individual subjects. Both evenings provide an important opportunity for parents, carers, students and teachers to work together.

We are entering a very important time for our Year 11 students and I thought that it would be useful to provide an overview of the coming months. Year 11 students will continue to focus upon subject content during this half-term and their first attainment report will be issued in December. This important report will identify the performance of students to that point and, importantly, will also reference attitude to learning and organization. Whilst students will not have finished all of the relevant subject content by December, attitude to learning and organisation are important indicators of maturity and potential exam success.

In January 2019 students will complete a full set of mock examinations and there will be a number of assemblies and sessions in form time that will advise students on how to revise and prepare for examinations. It is vital that students are present for these sessions and we would encourage all parents to ensure that students are punctual. There is a significant amount of evidence that identifies a drop in performance if attendance drops below 95%, or 10 missed days across the year.

All subject teachers will focus in detail upon exam performance and significant feedback will be offered to students. In addition, we will offer additional information for parents about how to support and prepare students for examinations in the spring term.

A second attainment report will be issued in March that will note exam performance, a predicted grade and, again, reference to attitude to learning and organisation.

There will also be additional mock examinations in English and Maths in March and all other subjects will focus upon revision and exam technique in the final weeks of the year. The Year 11 have a busy period ahead, but we will work hard to make sure that they remain calm and focused in the busy months ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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