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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Additional Maths and English Support for Year 11 Students, extra Vocational Course Opportunities and Careers Advice

I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the final stage of Year 11, we are committed to ensuring that every student is fully prepared for their GCSE examinations and equipped with the skills and qualifications needed for their future success. With this in mind, I am writing to inform you of the additional support and opportunities we are offering to Year 11 students in the upcoming months.

Extra Maths and English Support

Recognising the importance of strong foundations in both Maths and English for their GCSE success, we are providing extra sessions to support our Year 11 students in these key subjects. These sessions will focus on exam preparation, revisiting key topics, and reinforcing any areas where students may need additional help. The aim is to ensure that all students feel confident in approaching their GCSE exams, with an emphasis on boosting their exam technique and performance.

Vocational Courses to Prepare for the Next Steps

In addition to the core GCSE subjects, we are also offering Year 11 students the chance to enrol in extra vocational courses. These courses are designed to provide practical skills and qualifications that will be valuable for their future career pathways, whether they plan to continue with further education or apprenticeship programmes. The vocational courses pupils will be offered are Food Technology and a choice of either Sports Coaching or Art. These courses align with the demands of industries and will give students a broad range of qualifications to enhance their career prospects. Further details on the vocational courses will be available in the coming weeks.

Careers Advice

We are also pleased to inform you that Year 11 students will be receiving personalised careers advice as part of our ongoing efforts to support their future planning. These sessions will provide valuable guidance on post-16 options, including further education, apprenticeships, and employment pathways. The careers advice will be delivered by an experienced external careers advisor, and students will have the opportunity to discuss their interests, strengths, and career aspirations. This initiative aims to ensure that each student makes informed decisions about their next steps. We strongly encourage your child to take advantage of these opportunities, as they will prepare them for exams and provide essential skills for life beyond school.

How You Can Help

As we move forward with these initiatives, we ask for your continued support in encouraging your child to engage positively in both the extra Maths and English sessions as well as the vocational courses and Careers sessions. Your involvement in helping your child stay focused and organised during this important time can make a real difference in their preparation and confidence.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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