



Dear Year 11 Parents / Carers,

Year 11 Final Countdown – Exams in three weeks.

As we welcome our students back from the Easter break, we are gearing up for the upcoming GCSE and Vocational Exams that start in three weeks. It is important for us, as a school and parent body, to work together to ensure that our young people are well-prepared and supported during this crucial exam cycle.

There are three key objectives that we would like to focus on in order to help our students maximise their potential:

- 1. Maximising lesson time:** Encourage your child to be in lessons on time, ask questions that challenge subject content, and address any misconceptions they may have. This will help them to fully understand the subject material and perform well in their exams.
- 2. School intervention programme:** Year 11 students will be asked to participate in the daily intervention programme during period 6 (**3.10-4.10pm**). It is crucial for all students to attend these sessions, as research has shown that engaging in learning beyond the conventional school day leads to higher academic outcomes. We have tailored our intervention programme to support student wellbeing and offer mindfulness activities to reduce anxiety and increase confidence.
- 3. Home learning:** Encourage your child to engage with the revision techniques they learned during the spring term. Techniques such as revision flash cards, mind maps, spider diagrams, and knowledge organisers can help stimulate greater depth of knowledge and enhance memory retention. They need to complete exam papers under timed conditions at home to increase their experience of working up against a clock. It is important for students to dedicate time each day to their own bespoke revision in order to achieve their best outcomes.

As always, we are dedicated to ensuring that your children have the best opportunities for life long success. If you would like to discuss any of the matters addressed in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Innocent, Deputy Headteacher for Student Behaviour and Attitudes, Ms. Onisemo and Ms. Awofeso, joint Year 11 Heads of Year, and Ms. Summers, Head of Curriculum.

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Thank you for your continued support in helping our students succeed.

Yours sincerely,

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