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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 is an incredibly important year, and we want to make sure that every student is fully supported to achieve their very best in the summer examinations of 2027.

We would like to invite you to a Year 11 Parent Meeting, where we will share our plans and expectations for the important year ahead and explain how we will work together to maximise every student's opportunity for success.

This meeting will take place on Thursday 24 September at 6.00pm in the main hall. The meeting will last no longer than 45 minutes and there will be an opportunity for questions and discussion afterwards. Students are encouraged to attend with you.

The evening will focus on four key areas:

1. Peaking for Optimal Performance

We will explain how we are planning the year so that students are fully prepared to perform at their best when they sit their examinations in summer 2027. This will include consideration of revision, preparation, wellbeing and maintaining the right focus throughout the year.

2. Key Points during the Year Ahead

We will outline the important milestones, assessment points and examination preparation stages throughout Year 11, so that students and parents are clear about what lies ahead and when their support will be most important.

3. Understanding Your Child's Target Grades

We will explain target grades and how they should be used to help students understand what they are capable of achieving. We will also consider how students can monitor their progress and identify the steps needed to move towards, and potentially beyond, their targets.

4. Intervention and Support

The school is putting high levels of support and intervention in place throughout Year 11. We will explain the range of strategies available to students, including additional teaching, targeted intervention, revision opportunities and other forms of academic support. Our aim is to identify barriers early and provide the right support at the right time.

Our ambition is clear: we want every Year 11 student to leave school in summer 2027 having achieved the very best results of which they are capable.



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Achieving this will require a strong partnership between students, parents/carers and the school. The school will provide the teaching, guidance, intervention and opportunities for additional support, but the greatest impact will come when these efforts are reinforced at home and students take responsibility for making the most of every opportunity.

We therefore strongly encourage you to attend this important meeting. It will provide an opportunity to understand our plans, know how you can support your child and ensure that we are all working together towards the same goal.

We look forward to welcoming you and working in partnership with you throughout what we hope will be a highly successful Year 11.

Yours sincerely,

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Acting Headteacher

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Assistant Headteacher