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Dear parent/carer,

Year 11 - The Term Ahead

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our pupils on their focused return to the Academy after the summer holidays. Year 11 pupils have made a great start to their final year in formal education. In the first week back, we have raised the bar in terms of expectations - in work ethic, focus towards striving for excellence and ensuring that all opportunities are seized where possible and that they have an action plan to work towards gaining the best possible results in the summer examinations.

We have two formal mock examination windows in Year 11. These are important milestones for our pupils, to apply their skills, knowledge and understanding under examination conditions. After each set of examinations, pupils will meet with a senior teacher to discuss their specific development needs - whether that being gaps in knowledge, developments needed in examination techniques as well as general revision support and advice.

Mock 1 Examinations: Thursday 2nd October to Friday 17th October 2025

Mock 2 Examinations: Wednesday 28th January to Friday 13th February 2026

Can I please stress that from this Summer's results we were again reminded that attendance has a direct impact on attainment, therefore we strongly recommend that no holidays are booked for Year 11 pupils due to the intensive nature of the final year of all the GCSE and vocational qualifications being studied. Students with above 95% attendance this Summer performed significantly better than students who had less than 95% and the decline as attendance dropped below 90% was very significant.

Additionally, excellent attendance and attainment will be key to allowing pupils to secure the post-16 place in a pathway of their choice. Our Careers team will be working closely with all students throughout the year to ensure that all entry requirements are fully understood on the various pathways available. We have found a shortfall in places being available for leavers if their attendance and attainment falls below expectations of 95%. Please support the academy to prepare your child for making the next steps in their educational journeys by stressing the importance of attendance and the impact on attainment.

To improve our communication and partnership with parents, we will be hosting a parents information session on Monday 22nd September. This will take place online from 4-4:20pm via Google Meet.

We would encourage parents to sign up for this session in advance via the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfMrTkJcmfsQCKcdocV-6sIVTQki4qGktsEYwE_kodn7lKn9Vw/viewform?usp=header

We will send out the joining instructions directly to parents on the day of the event. We will also record the session and this will be available via the Academy website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RSW', written in a cursive style.

Rebecca Shaw
Headteacher