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Dear Parent / Carer

Y11 'Passport to the Prom'

We have welcomed in the new year with renewed energy and an absolute focus on learning. This term is critical for our Year 11 students; our priorities continue to be:

- effort and focus in **lessons**
- attending **Enrichment**
- completing **homework**
- sticking to a clear **revision plan**



Student attendance continues to be a concern, as every lesson missed has a direct impact on gaps in student knowledge. We appreciate all the efforts from parents and carers who support excellent attendance and we know this will help support the best outcomes at GCSE for individual students.

Last term, disappointingly, saw a significant drop in attendance at **after academy Enrichment**. All students benefit from Enrichment, this is a key, tried and tested, intervention that we know has a direct impact on individual student GCSE results. Year on year, students who attend Enrichment consistently make better progress and achievement than students who do not attend consistently. I would appeal to all parents and carers to encourage consistent attendance at Enrichment and perhaps consider using attendance at Enrichment as part of a reward system for your child.

All students should have started their revision plan, using their revision timetable, for students who have yet to begin their revision plan I have attached an updated revision timetable commencing from January.

We launched the 'Passport to the Prom' with Year 11 students today. The Prom is part of our rewards program, it is a celebration of the student's secondary education and a reward for all their hard work leading up to the GCSEs. The 'Passport to the Prom' is designed to help students focus their efforts in the final run up to the GCSE exams. **There are ONLY 13 weeks until the first GCSE exam.**

To attend the Prom students must complete their Prom Passport. They are required to:

- attend 45 Enrichments as a minimum, there are further rewards if students attend more than 45 Enrichments / holiday revision sessions
- attendance between 20 January and 12 June needs to be above 95% (for that period of time) **Any students who have attendance issues due to complex medical needs please be aware we will take this into consideration and this will be adjusted as necessary**
- Praising Stars reports for PS3, 4 and 5 must illustrate students are aiming for effort grade of E1s and E2s, students should also have limited lates
- behaviour impacts significantly on learning, students' behaviour record must reflect a positive effort to behave well
- return all required text books and settle any outstanding lunch monies owing

We continue to be vigilant and supportive regarding student mental health and well-being during the run up to the exam period. Staff are always on hand to support students and in turn strengthen their resilience.

We encourage students to minimise their stress during this period by being mindful of the following:

- Jigsaw pieces (lessons, Enrichment, homework, revision)
- Balance – study and social time
- Health – sleep, eat, exercise
- Support – ask for help

Working together we can ensure all students maximise their potential and make the best progress possible. Please help secure the best GCSE results for your child by supporting them at home, encouraging homework completion, attendance at Enrichment and critically, sticking to their revision plan.

Your support as always is greatly appreciated and we look forward to celebrating at the Prom and on results day in August.

Yours faithfully



Seana Rice
Principal