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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 – Moving Up

This week, I delivered an assembly to our Year 10 students to outline how the School will support each one of them in fulfilling their potential in their summer exams next year. I also reiterated my belief that the group are not only a fantastic year group, but also a collection of wonderful and talented individuals. We are all committed to setting them up so that they have the best possible chances of superb grades and destinations and we are clear that this work toward GCSE success needs to start now! They are now the School's Year 11 group and from this moment forward, the focus will very much be on preparation for exams and preparation for their futures.

I attach a PowerPoint of the assembly that I delivered, and the two main messages outlined within it were:

- How the School plans to support the students, leaving no stone unturned to ensure they have all they need to be aspire to be great
- What the students need to do themselves to maximise their opportunities for success

Effectively Year 11 starts now and this means students have a three-month head start over those schools, who do not move up. Therefore, this summer is an opportunity not to be missed.

There will soon be a finalised set of revision resources for each subject on our web page that will support your child in making the very most of the summer. Below are some useful tips to start engaging with your child about the forthcoming year and how to support them with revision this summer:

- Ensure your child's mental, social and physical wellbeing is a priority
- Allow for other commitments such as extracurricular, sports clubs and interventions
- Ensure you have a positive environment to revise in
- Give greater weighting to core subjects, as there will be more content to cover
- Understand what you need to revise, highlight what you are confident on in green, unsure of in amber and your real concerns in red. Then focus your revision on the red areas first
- Revise in blocks of 30 minutes with sensible breaks between each block
- Get family members to test you

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So what can parents do next?

- Start talking about revision routines, perhaps talk to them about the tips and their assembly this week
- Ask your child to talk to you about what they are going to revise in the next 4-weeks (2-3 subjects)
- Ask how they are feeling about revision and what they plan to do to approach this
- Encourage and be patient. Find an opportunity to praise the first steps, however small they are

The School intends to run two sessions for parents around September and March time to help them support their child during Year 11 and an exam season, please keep an eye on Parent Mail, the website and social media for any updates.

As with anything, the key is to get started so that your child can begin to feel secure about their routines for study. This will provide them with confidence moving forward and it will lead to success in the future. We have high aspirations for all our students and we are excited to support them on every step of the way.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Matt Wardle

Deputy Headteacher

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