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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to update you with important information regarding the upcoming weeks. This term is going to be a busy one, and hopefully the students are feeling prepared and confident as we enter the exam season.

### **Targeted Support and Mastery Hour**

Thank you for your support with attendance at the additional Mastery Hour and targeted support sessions this term. We thoroughly believe in the success of these sessions, and hopefully the students will see the benefits of their extra commitment and time.

This is the last week of specific targeted support sessions, as we will move to Subject Revision sessions once the exams begin. This is detailed below.

### **Raffle**

To celebrate the attendance to additional revision and targeted support sessions we are going to be holding a raffle towards the end of the term. Each session a student has attended will be a ticket in the raffle. This year, the raffle includes 2 x Friday day tickets to the Boardmasters festival in August!

### **Subject Revision sessions**

As mentioned above, specific targeted support sessions will finish on Friday, as the main exam season begins next week. However, from next week onwards, both Subject Revision sessions and the core Mastery Hour will continue. Attached is the Subject Revision session timetable; where there is an exam the next day, there will be revision in that subject after school the afternoon before. If the student does not do that subject, Mastery Hour for the core subjects will continue Mon-Wed, and the students would be expected to attend that. However, the Subject Revision sessions always take priority.

Where possible, all Year 11 students are expected to be in school until 4.15pm to attend the Subject Revision sessions or the Mastery Hour.

There will also be breakfast revision and support sessions running from 8.00am the morning of exams. The timetable for those is also attached.

Both timetables will be published on the Year 11 Google Classroom for the students to access.

### **Collapsed timetable**

Starting next week, the Year 11s will also be following a collapsed timetable in some subjects. This will differ from their normal timetable and will allow extra time with their specialist subject teachers prior to the exam.

## **Attendance**

It goes without saying that attendance is vitally important over the coming weeks, as is arriving at school on time. For some lessons, it will be the last opportunity for the students to be with their teachers before the exam and it is important they don't miss exam information or last minute preparation. We need all students to be arriving at school on time, in order to register and be ready to start the exam calmly and confidently, without any additional stress!

This is also the case once the exams have started. Students are expected to remain in school following a morning exam and not be signing out to go home. This will be an unauthorised absence. This is especially important due to the collapsed timetable, as students signing out early will be missing additional revision for the exams the next day.

## **Year 11 leavers day**

Thursday 14 June will be the Year 11 celebration day. Students will, after some physics and geography revision, spend time with their tutors, sign shirts and attend the leavers assembly. Hopefully the sunshine will also make an appearance for some ice creams on the school field! Please note, students must bring a spare shirt and their black school jumpers for the leavers assembly.

## **Leavers Ball**

Our final celebration will be on Friday 5 July at the Alverton Hotel for our Leavers Ball. Students can arrive from 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Students will need to be collected at 11.00pm. Please can I ask, to avoid congestion, that cars are not stopped outside the front entrance to the Alverton but continue up to the top car park. We really look forward to celebrating with all Year 11 and having a fantastic evening.

Thanks again for your support and all that you do.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the upcoming weeks.

Many thanks,

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