

Our Ref: CLN/lt

20<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

### October Half Term Revision; Mock Examination Fortnight & BTEC On-screen Tests

It has been a predominantly positive and successful start to 2016 and we have been impressed with the progress and determination of our Year 11 students. I have been particularly pleased with the attitude, attendance and conduct of the students during assemblies, controlled assessments, lesson 6 and weekend enhancement. Unfortunately, this week select students did let themselves down at the end of the English mock examination by beginning to whistle. Had this been a formal GCSE examination those students could have jeopardised every student's grade. The Academy will not tolerate such immature and selfish behaviour and if students are identified in the future they will receive a formal written warning regarding examination conduct.

A personalised programme of extra sessions has been created for October half-term to support your child's efforts and help them achieve their very best in Summer 2017. Please find this enclosed. It is hoped that they will make every effort to attend. If they have other commitments, please ask them to discuss home learning opportunities with their teachers.

If your child is unable to attend the enhancement sessions on offer, please encourage them to complete some home learning:

- 1) Trying timed past papers
- 2) Completing mock questions
- 3) Reviewing work from lessons
- 4) Reading recommended texts
- 5) Using internet websites:

[www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize)

When your child returns from half term they will have their first mock examination fortnight (TAPs). The fortnight will launch with an external motivational speaker, who will aim to focus the students on their future goals and potential obstacles. As well as mock examinations, ECDL testing and controlled assessments, we have also planned a number of trips and visits. If your child hasn't been invited they shouldn't be disheartened. We run numerous events over the academic year.

BTEC on-screen tests in Sport and Business will be taking place the third and fourth week in November. These unit tests are worth 25% of each qualification. Your child has been preparing for this examination since the start of term and it is important they are engaging with the subject revision materials.

Thank you for your continued support, and please feel free to contact the school if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully



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