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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Achievement Evening – Thursday 21st September 6.00pm to 7.30pm

I have the great pleasure of welcoming your child to Year 11 following what I hope was a lovely summer.

We have had a busy initial week and I am delighted to tell you that Year 11 have settled down well and all members of staff have been impressed with their positive attitudes and motivation for learning. They have been a credit to you and themselves.

I am keen for us to work together to ensure that your child gets the very best support and achieves beyond expectations, securing their place in further education. I am therefore inviting you to a Year 11 Achievement Evening on **Thursday 21st September**, from **6.00pm to 7.30pm**. There will be a keynote presentation at **6.30pm** prompt.

During the evening we will talk to you about what this year will bring, how we will support your child and how you can support them at home. We will also provide each student with a bag of important information such as deadlines for coursework and controlled assessments; important dates for Year 11; top tips for learning and a few goodies.

In addition, members of staff from each subject area, including the Senior Leadership Team will be available to answer your questions prior to the main presentation and for a short while after. A representative from our Sixth Form will also be present to discuss further education opportunities. I look forward to seeing you at this important evening.

Curriculum Detentions

For this academic year we have implemented a number of changes to our detention system for our Year 11 students. This is because we recognise the direct correlation with behaviour incidents in class with student achievement. The new system for all behaviour incidents will have an immediate consequence and be resolved effectively. All curriculum detentions will now take place after school with the Year 11 Achievement Team. This will ensure that we spend time supporting the students in resolving any reoccurring issues at the earliest opportunity.

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All curriculum detentions begin as a 30 minute detention served after school from 3pm to 3:30pm. Failure to attend a 30 minute detention will result in a 60 minute detention being booked at the earliest opportunity. If a student fails to attend a 60 minute detention, a parent meeting will be arranged to discuss your child's behaviour. The 60 minute detention will then need to be sat at the earliest opportunity following the meeting.

Standards and Uniform Check

The Personalised Learning Tutors will make checks every morning for uniform standards and equipment. Every student should attend the academy with the following basic equipment: pen, pencil and planner and be in full school uniform. Should a student fail any of these checks then a 15 minute detention will be issued on the same day from 3pm to 3:15pm. Failure to attend will result in a 30 minute detention being set for the next day. Should the student fail to attend a 30 minute this will be increased to a 60 minute detention the following day.

Year 11 Prom

Our highly anticipated Year 11 Prom will take place in summer 2018, with the venue released at a later date. The Prom is a wonderful event, highly anticipated and a great way to celebrate the end of our formal exam season. However, places are not guaranteed, attendance to the Prom is through purchase of a ticket and meeting the following criteria;

In order to receive an invitation to the Prom the students must meet the following criteria:

- Acquire less than 25 behaviour points across the academic year
- Have a minimum 91% attendance
- Accumulate no more than 6 lates to PL per half term
- Have accumulated no more than 5 days in Seclusion

Yours faithfully



Matthew Dimond
Director of Key Stage 4