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Dear Parent / Carer

As part of our Raising Achievement strategy at George Pindar, I am writing to share with you our plans for **Y11 academic success** in the run up to the final exams. As we shared with Year 11s in their assembly this week, from today's date, they have just 13 school weeks remaining until the start of their GCSE examinations which begin on 7 May 2025, with some practical exams before this date. This is a really busy time for Y11 and we are keen to give them as many opportunities as possible to strive for success.

We told Year 11 this week how proud we are of them and of their work and conduct around the school site. We cannot wait to see what they can achieve in their final GCSE exams. In order for them to achieve the grades of which they are capable, they need to keep their **attendance and punctuality** high as every day really does count!

In order to support their success, we have placed all students into **intervention tutor groups**. Students still belong to the same House and therefore have the same Head of House, but will use the additional thirty minutes of tutor time every day for bespoke intervention to support achievement in English, Maths and Science. These tutor groups will be more flexible, allowing us to move students around depending on their academic needs and we plan to review them again before February half term. We strongly urge your child to arrive on time every day for tutor time to make the most of this exciting and useful opportunity.

Year 11s will have an **assembly** every Friday morning at 8.45am in the dining hall and it is really important that all students attend that assembly as we will be reviewing the week and sharing key messages for the week ahead. It will be an opportunity for us to share the wins and successes of the year group and there will be rewards shared!

Staff have planned revision opportunities for students after school in '**Lesson 6**'; an additional 60-minute lesson which can make a huge difference to exam success. Although the sessions are open to everyone, some students will receive specific invitations to these sessions and I would strongly advise that you encourage your child to attend to maximise their chances of success.

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Week A			Week B		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Higher Maths (CSM)	Geography (GRO)	Engineering (BPE)	Maths Foundation (AMF)	Science	Engineering (BPE)
Music		PE (AWO)	English		Drama (MDS)
Maths Foundation (AMF)		Hair and Beauty (GRA)			History (ELI)
Construction (CPR)		iMedia (AVI)			iMedia (AVI)
English		Maths Higher (AMF)			Hospitality and Catering (GRA)
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This week Mr Thompson, the Head of Falcon House and Year 11 Leader, will be sharing a Y11 Google classroom with all students; this will be an area for revision tips / strategies and resources to be shared across the year group. Please encourage your child to log on and act on the advice given.

In the coming days, we will also be talking to the year group about their plans for Y12 and following up on any students that have not yet made their plans / applications for courses / apprenticeships for September 2025.

Key dates for your diary for this term:

- **Every Thursday** Mr Thompson will share a text with you announcing key activities for the following week
- **16.01.2025** - Y11 Parents' Evening - an opportunity for you to speak with your child's subject teachers. If you have not yet made appointments, please do so as soon as possible. Teachers are available from 3.25pm - 6.25pm
- **06.02.2025** - Y11 Steps To Success - a practical revision workshop for Y11 with parents / carers beginning at 5.30pm with refreshments available from 5.15pm
- W./c. **03.03.2025** and **10.03.2025** - The final set of Year 11 PPEs ('mock' exams)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support as we continue to work together to have a positive impact on your child's outcomes. I look forward to seeing you at Parents' Evening and wish your child every success with the run up to the exams. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of House.

Yours sincerely

Lesley Welsh
Principal