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Dear Parent / Carer

Year 11 Final Countdown

We are now approaching the final countdown to the GCSE exams and it has never been more important for our Year 11 students to show full concentration and focus in lessons and during revision sessions in school and when revising at home. As you may be aware, to support our students with their preparation, we are running a 'final countdown GALAG (Gain At Least A Grade' initiative for all students. Students have been given a GALAG card with six slots per week to complete - students can win a stamp for completion of their revision homework for English, Maths and Science, up to two stamps for attendance at after-school revision sessions and one stamp for 100% attendance per week. Although you might think we are 'quackers', students have the chance to win a duck when they achieve 5 out of 6 stamps per week and the response from Year 11 has been incredible. We would like to ask for your support in encouraging your child to embrace this final initiative and remind them to bring their GALAG card to school every day - students who have achieved 5 / 6 stamps during week one will be given 'James Pond' in an assembly this week! Attendance has never been more important and I encourage all students to attend every day as we mark exactly 25 days until the first written exam for the entire Year 11 cohort, with fewer days ahead for students of art, hairdressing and German whose exams are only a matter of weeks away.

Our Lesson 6 intervention schedule is still in place and can be found below; we have added additional sessions to support students who find it harder to revise at home. Please encourage your child to attend as many sessions as possible.

Week A			Week B		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday (When Staff are not in training)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday (When Staff are not in training)
Construction (CPR) English Maths Foundation (AMF) Maths Higher (CSM) Music SLT Revision (BMU) S3	Geography (GRO) SLT Revision (LRA) S3	Art (JGB) Engineering (BPE) Hair and Beauty (GRA) iMedia (AVI) Maths Higher (AMF) PE (AWO) SLT Revision (LWE) S3	English Maths Foundation (AMF) SLT Revision (BMU) S3	Science SLT Revision (LRA) S3	Art (JGB) Drama (MDS) Engineering (BPE) History (ELI) Hospitality and Catering (GRA) iMedia (AVI) Maths Higher (AMF) SLT Revision (LWE) S3

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For those students who have yet to start revising, I cannot stress enough how much difference this additional effort will make and with only 7 full weeks to go before the start of the final exams, it is definitely time to prioritise revision.

I am aware that many students are looking forward to the end of Year 11 Prom which this year takes place on Thursday 10th July at the Royal Hotel in Scarborough. Full details, including how to pay the ticket price of £27, will follow in due course. I would like to take this opportunity to reinforce the importance of hard work in the run-up to the final exams so that all students can enjoy the Prom.

I appreciate more than any other year how challenging this time of year can be for our Year 11 students and their families; if we can be of any support to you and your child at this time, please do let us know.

Yours sincerely

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