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Dear parents and carers

As you are aware this is a very important year for the young people in Y11 with the GCSE exams next summer and we are keen to ensure every child meets their potential.

We will be supporting your child in a number of ways including; running two mock exam periods, specific subject intervention after school and academic mentoring.

As some of you may be aware, there will be a number of additional targeted catch up / support session offered every half term. If selected, pupils will be expected to attend these compulsory after school sessions. Pupils are selected by their subject teachers if they are judged to be significantly below their targeted level.

Registers will be taken at the sessions and pupils who fail to attend, without a genuine reason, will be given a C4 detention to make up the time lost.

You will be contacted by the Academy, if your child is expected to attend any compulsory session, and your support with this intervention is appreciated.

To be successful in June, it is also essential that pupils are completing homework set. They should be completing a piece of homework every week for every subject. In addition, pupils should be revising the course content from Y10.

Just before half term, they will also receive weekly revision schedules for the mock exams. These will also be available on the website.

The dates for the mock exams and summer 2017 GCSE dates are given below. Y11 pupils must be in school every day, unless genuinely ill, to ensure coursework deadlines and exam topics are not missed. Please note that you will be informed of additional dates for pupils completing VCert qualifications in Construction and Food and in GCSE Art and Design / Photography once they are known.

Mock Exams 1 - Thursday 8th December until Tuesday 20th December 2016

Mock Exams 2 – Monday 13th March – Friday 24th March 2017

Summer 2017 Exam Series – Monday 15th May 2017 – Monday 26th June 2017 – inclusive

Please note that the summer exam dates and times are decided by the exam boards and it is not possible to re-arrange these exam times.

Another date for your diary is the Year 11 parent's evening, which will take place on **Thursday 17th November 2016**. Further details of which will be sent to you nearer the time.

Thank you for your support and if you have any queries regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Head