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Dear Parents/Carers

Last week all Year 11 students were issued with two sets of results, which I hope they have shared with you. One set indicates their mock examination results and the other their current predicted grades. This data will form the basis for the discussions at the Parents Evening on Thursday 25 January. I would like to encourage you to attend this meeting with your son/daughter to ensure everyone understands the current progress and next steps.

Now that Year 11 students are approaching their final preparations in readiness for the GCSE courses we would like to invite you to an additional Parents Information Evening on Thursday 1 February at 6.30 p.m. in the Main Hall. The presentation will last approximately an hour.

As you will have had the opportunity to discuss specific issues with subject teachers at the Parents Evening, the aims of this evening are different; with the focus being on what the school are providing in terms of support and suggest how you can offer support at home.

The purpose of the evening is to provide you with a range of additional information to help you support your son/daughter during the next few months in preparation for their GCSE examinations and provide an opportunity for a question and answer session. Topics will include:

- Understanding the new GCSE grading system
- Expectations and support from the Academy
- Providing support from home
- Revision techniques

We have been delighted with the response of the students to the planned intervention programme since they have returned in January and intend to introduce the 'Period 6' lesson next week.

Students and parents will be notified about compulsory attendance for specific subjects. Students will finish normal timetabled lessons at 3.00 p.m. and immediately go to the extension lesson until 4.00 pm. For those students invited to attend period 6 lessons who travel by bus, we will arrange for a mini-bus to transport them home at 4.00 p.m. if required. They may also continue their studies in the library which will be open until 5.00 p.m.

We hope you will be able to attend the evening, allowing us to continue to work together to provide the best possible opportunity for your son/daughter to achieve their potential.

Yours sincerely

Rob James
Headteacher