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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: After-school Study Support

Our Year 11 students have made excellent progress so far this academic year. However, with very important GCSE examinations only a few months away, we want to raise achievement further by offering intensive targeted support for our students across all subject areas.

From next week, we are introducing a system of after-school study support. Each week, subject teachers will request students to attend revision sessions for the following week. Generally, these sessions will run from Tuesday to Friday. Very occasionally, there will be sessions on a Monday. The reasons for requesting a student will differ. Sometimes, students will be required to receive extra support in a particular area of learning that they find challenging. Sometimes, it may be necessary for students to catch up with work that they have missed. At other times, they may be needed to prepare for an assessment. Consequently, some weeks, your child may be requested on two or three evenings. Other weeks, they may not be requested at all. Demand will vary from week to week. Moreover, because support for students is targeted, class sizes in these after-school sessions will generally be small, enabling teacher support to be more effective and student progress to be maximised.

On Friday mornings during registration, form tutors will notify students what their schedule is for the following week. Students will write this information in their planners, ensuring that parents and carers are fully aware of all after-school commitments. Sessions will last for one hour, from 3.10pm to 4.10pm.

If for any reason you do not wish your child to attend a particular study support session, then I would be grateful if you could get in touch with the school. A signed note in your child's planner, a brief letter or a telephone message would suffice in order to exempt your child from a specific session. Otherwise, our understanding will be that we have permission for your child to attend.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Mr Gray, the Head of Year 11.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Dr I Stanton
Assistant Headteacher