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Dear Parent or Carer,

English, Maths and Science Information Evening on Thursday 16th January

I hope that you and your family are keeping well.

As you know, securing good grades in the GCSE examinations next summer will give your child the best possible chance of future success, enabling them to move on to the next stage of their education. The end of the autumn term and the start of the spring term in January is always a key moment the course of Year 11. It marks a turning point, as thoughts turn increasingly towards preparing for the external exams in May and June. Whilst achievement in all GCSE subjects is very important, this is particularly the case in relation to the core subjects of English, Maths and Science. Achievement in these subjects often plays a significant role in determining future opportunities and prospects.

At St Mary's, we are fully committed to supporting our students in their English, Maths and Science lessons in school. The effort and hard work that students demonstrate in class will, without question, pay dividends when it comes to achieving highly in GCSE exams. However, the work that takes place at home can be equally important. The value of time spent doing homework and revision cannot be understated. It is central to exam success.

With that in mind, we would like to invite you to an English, Maths and Science Information Evening for Year 11 Parents on **Thursday 16th January 2025**. We think that parents will find it extremely useful to hear some practical ideas about how they can best support their child at home in the run-up to the external exams, particularly in relation to these subject areas. The evening will start at **5.30pm** and finish at approximately **6.30pm**. The first half of the evening will consist of short presentations from the Heads of English, Maths and Science. They will share with you some key messages about preparation for GCSEs. During the second half of the evening, parents will have the opportunity to talk to teachers individually and pose any questions that they may have about the revision process.

If you plan to attend, could you please complete a short online form, which you can access at the following address:

<https://forms.office.com/e/rHV1kBYKvx>

We expect this event to be very well attended. Consequently, it is important that we have an accurate picture of the numbers expected. This will allow us to prepare properly and ensure that this is a successful evening. Students are welcome to attend, but the information is very much aimed at parents rather than students. I would be grateful if you could complete the form before Tuesday 14th January.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Dr I Stanton
Assistant Headteacher

