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Dear Parent / Carer

GCSE Success Fair, Weds 19 October 2022, 6.30pm

Thank you for your support of your child's progress at school this half term. We have been impressed by the focus and efforts of the vast majority of the students in your son/daughter's year group since term began in September. I write to invite you and your Year 11 child to a presentation at College on Wednesday 19 October at 6.30pm in the theatre, with myself and Heads of core subjects. At this event we will guide you through what to expect over the course of Year 11 and how best to support your child, for them to achieve GCSE grades they can be proud of.

The students will sit internal practice exams in all their GCSE subjects after half term. These exams will run from 7 to 30 November. It is very important that students revise for these exams and do their absolute best in all the papers. This exam period will be demanding as it is designed to mirror the actual summer exams as closely as possible. There will often be two exams in different subjects in one day for example. It is vital to start revision early in an organised fashion, so that your child feels calm and well prepared, rather than rushing, or cramming in their revision at the last minute. Including half term, students have four weeks before these internal exams begin.

Tutor time sessions will soon focus on planning ahead. Students will be asked to plan in time to rest, socialise and revise in school weeks and over half term. Revision should fit around family life and seeing friends etc., which is why it is vital to plan and work on every subject. They should all know their logins for Teams, Seneca and Sparx maths. Year 11 students should aim to fit in ten hours of homework in a school week and ten to fifteen hours of study over the nine days off school at half-term. Students should be doing paper-based and online study, set by their teachers. Individual exam timetables are available on Arbor under examinations.

Paper planning sheets will soon be given to students to fill in for a term-time and half term week. Please ask your son/daughter to show you their sheet so you can support them with sticking to these plans. We strongly believe that regular homework and revision outside of College will boost your child's results by at least one grade per subject, if not more. It is essential that they start their revision now and get into regular habits to stick to all year.

We know that some students tend to over-work or worry too much about their schoolwork. Do reassure your child that we are not expecting students to revise all the time! Everybody needs to recharge their batteries and relax over the half term week. This is why planning the time is so important for balancing study and relaxation. Navigating Year 11 is a tough job, as I know from experience with my own children and pupils I teach. We are grateful for parents' support through a challenging year. We look forward to seeing many parents and students for our GCSE success Fair.

Yours sincerely

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