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Dear Parent / Carer

## **GCSE Success Fair, 20 October 2021, 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 next Wednesday evening 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 15 November until 3 December. 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.

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

Paper planning sheets are being given to students to fill in for 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. Whilst we have adapted the curriculum in college to compensate for periods of remote learning last year, we strongly believe that regular homework and revision outside of college will boost your child's grades 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.



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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 with our children is a tough job, as I know from experience and we are grateful for parents' support through a challenging year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F Lunskey". The letters are cursive and fluid, with the first name "Fiona" and the last name "Lunskey" written in a single continuous line.

Mrs Fiona Lunskey  
Assistant Principal: Raising Standards