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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 Homework Strategy

I hope this finds you well.

Our Year 11 students have started the year extremely well and as we all know this is the most crucial year since the SATs. We wish to ensure that all our students can achieve their very best whilst balancing the pressure of the public exams in the early summer.

Accordingly, we will be issuing a revision and intervention programme over the next two weeks. Please be assured that we will provide every opportunity for our students to access further support and a range of interventions where appropriate to aid progress.

We wish for students to be well-prepared for their exams and not to be under excessive pressure later on in the academic year, and therefore a key priority for all of us is the completion of homework. Our teaching staff will only be setting homework which is appropriate and meaningful. Accordingly, it is essential students meet their homework deadlines, and it is with regard to this matter that I am writing to you.

I have put in place a homework protocol specifically for Year 11 with the purpose of ensuring that our students' high standards are maintained throughout this year. Teachers will be reasonable in the deadline set for homework and of course they will respond accordingly to each student's needs. However, we intend to keep students behind after school if they do not complete their homework. We have arranged for staff to be available till 4.30pm to support Year 11 students. In terms of communication with you, **a text message will be sent to parents and carers at 12.30pm should any student need to be held back after school on that day.** Should this arrangement cause a difficulty, please phone the Academy and ask to speak with Mrs Errington in the Academy office.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership, and I know you will appreciate the fine balance between ensuring that students meet our high standards and avoiding unnecessary pressure. Our pastoral care of your son/daughter is of paramount importance to us and I thank you for your continued support.

With all good wishes,


Andrew Ramsey
Principal



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