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Dear Parent / Carer

Re. Year 11 Progress

I am writing firstly to inform you that, in general, we are absolutely delighted with the progress of our Year 11 students this year. Most students are making very good progress, and I am confident, that so long as students keep up the good work and revise thoroughly for exams, then this year group will achieve a fantastic set of results! I also would like to summarise for you the information we have already provided for Year 11 students as they enter this very busy period of their education with coursework to be completed and revision to be done in preparation for final examinations.

Despite the good progress that most students are making, there is no room for complacency, and we are encouraging students to work hard and to be as organised as possible as they prepare for their examinations. Mr Holt has already spoken to Year 11 students about how to prepare and revise for examinations, and has provided students with information about when revision classes are taking place. Lots of useful information about revision, together with links to revision websites, can be found on our College website. We are providing all students with personal support in the run-up to the examination period in the form of their own personal mentor. For many students this mentor will be their own Form Tutor, while some students may have their own specialist mentor. Mrs Whalley has written to some students explaining this mentoring process. Heads of Department make sure that students know what topics they need to revise for exams, and what format the examination will take. Any student feeling as if they don't know what to revise or how to revise should speak to their class teacher for that subject. Finally Mrs Westaway, our Examinations Officer, will be sending students' personal examination timetables home to them within the next couple of days. Again summary examination timetables are available on our website.

In addition to the good progress being demonstrated by many of our Year 11 students, we are also delighted in general with the positive and mature attitude to learning that our Year 11 students are displaying in lessons. In other events like the recent Work Preparation Day organised by Mrs Neve, students presented themselves very well and communicated very professionally with visitors from local businesses.

Many of our Year 11 students will progress next year onto a place at local F.E Colleges or 6th Forms. Usually students in such Colleges do not have to wear school uniform. With this in mind, and also taking into account the very good progress our Year 11 students are displaying, we have decided to relax our uniform code for Year 11 students with immediate effect. *Therefore I am pleased to inform you that from Monday 5th March Year 11 students will no longer be required to wear school uniform to school.* We know we can trust our Y11 students to continue to prepare well for their examinations and conduct themselves appropriately in school. Dress can be informal, and for example can include jeans, but we will be expecting students to dress appropriately for school. For example we would not expect any inappropriate logos on clothing, and normal school guidelines on facial jewellery and hair colouring will still apply.

Thank-you for your continued support as we work together to support Year 11 students through this busy and important time in their education.

With Best Wishes



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