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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final weeks of Year 10, I wanted to take the opportunity to share some exciting developments that will support our students as they prepare for the important transition into Year 11.

This is a year group with enormous potential. We have high aspirations for every student, and we firmly believe that, with the right support, guidance and commitment, every young person can achieve their very best. The coming weeks mark an important milestone in their educational journey, and we are committed to ensuring they enter Year 11 with confidence, ambition and the strongest possible foundations for success.

From **Monday 6th July**, all Year 10 students are invited into the academy from **8.00am** via the **L2 Technology entrance**, greeted by Mr Shanks or Miss Thornton. During early breakfast students will be able to enjoy a free breakfast and spend time with staff discussing their learning, preparing for the day ahead and talking through any factors that may be affecting their achievement in lessons. We believe that these informal conversations will help us provide the right support at the earliest opportunity and ensure every student is ready to succeed.

We would like all Year 10 students to attend from **8.00am** where possible. By **8.25am**, all students must be inside the building and seated ready for a weekly **Achievement Assembly**. These assemblies will take place every Monday until the end of the summer term. From the **first week back in September**, they will move to **Friday mornings**, becoming a regular part of our Year 11 programme as students continue their GCSE journey.

During first morning breakfast, on **the 6<sup>th</sup> July**, every Year 10 student will also receive a **free booster pack** containing a range of revision resources, including pens, notebooks and revision guides. These resources are designed to support independent study over the summer holiday and will complement the summer preparation work that students will receive as they begin getting ready for Year 11.

One of the key developments is the introduction of a programme of **targeted after-school intervention sessions**, which will also begin on **Monday 6th July**. Sessions will start **promptly at 3.05pm**.

These interventions will not involve every student. Instead, students will be carefully selected based on individual need, allowing us to provide bespoke support where it will have the greatest impact. This targeted approach has been successfully implemented by our support partner academy, **John Whitgift Academy**, where it has played an important role in securing student outcomes. By focusing support where it is needed most, we can ensure every student receives the right intervention at the appropriate time.



In addition, several of our core subjects will be running **follow-up mock assessments**. These will build upon the April mock examinations and enable us to monitor the impact of the improvements and interventions that have been introduced over recent months. The information gathered will help teachers further personalise support and ensure students are as well prepared as possible for the demands of Year 11.

This is an exciting time for the academy. With changes in leadership comes fresh thinking, renewed energy and new opportunities for our students. We have carefully reviewed many of our current approaches to ensure that every decision we make is centred on one goal: enabling every student to leave us with the highest grades possible and the widest range of opportunities for their future.

We look forward to working in partnership with you over the coming months. Your encouragement and support at home, alongside the work taking place in school, will make a significant difference as students prepare for what will undoubtedly be a challenging but rewarding Year 11.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Shanks', with a small blue dot to the right.

Mr S Shanks  
Vice Principal