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Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week for Year 11, and another week where I have been incredibly proud of the way students are throwing themselves into school life. There is a real sense that students are beginning to recognise just how important this year is and, importantly, that what they do now matters.

A huge thank you to all of our Year 11 students who gave up their time to support our Open Evening this week.

So many of our students volunteered to help across different faculties, support with tours and represent the school to prospective students and families. They were fantastic ambassadors for MECE and showed exactly the kind of maturity, confidence, and responsibility that we want to see from our Year 11 students.

It was wonderful to see them stepping up and taking pride in their school. You should be proud of yourselves!

Attendance this week: 92%

To say I'm disappointed wouldn't express my feelings on this. We need to improve this, and fast. If you aren't here, you aren't learning, we aren't able to help you and you're not getting the most out of the support on offer. I want to see every year 11 in school next week! It is SO important you are here.

Our Year 11 intervention programme continues to get off to a fantastic start.

Students currently have additional intervention opportunities on:

Tuesday – Science
Wednesday – Maths
Thursday – English

I am so pleased with the commitment students are showing to these sessions. Giving up additional time to attend intervention demonstrates that you are serious about your future and willing to put in the work to get there.

We will also soon be launching intervention during tutor time, giving students even more opportunities to receive targeted support, revisit key knowledge and strengthen areas where they need a little extra help.



Please continue to encourage your young person to attend these sessions and make the most of every opportunity available to them.

One thing I want our Year 11 students to remember is that *motivation isn't always going to be there*.

There will be days when you feel completely focused and ready to work. There will also be days when you'd rather do absolutely anything else!

That is normal.

The difference is learning to keep going even when you don't feel like it. GCSE success isn't built in one huge burst of motivation. It is built through hundreds of small decisions: coming to school, arriving on time, listening in lessons, completing your work, attending intervention, revising a little more, asking for help and trying again when something doesn't go right.

You don't need to have everything figured out today. You just need to keep moving forward.

Consistency will take you further than motivation ever will.

129 School Days to Go...

That might sound like a lot, but I promise you, those days will disappear incredibly quickly. Before we know it, we will be talking about PPEs, revision timetables, exam preparation and then... the real thing.

Every single school day between now and May is an opportunity to learn something, improve something or prepare yourself for what comes next.

So, Year 11, keep turning up. Keep pushing yourselves. Keep asking questions. Keep making the most of the support around you.

And remember our mantra:

It's not good luck, it's good preparation.

We have a long way to go, but we are absolutely heading in the right direction. 

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



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