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Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week for Year 11, and it is fantastic to see students continuing to make the most of the opportunities available to them as we move further into this important year.

There is lots happening both inside and outside the classroom, and I want to continue to encourage students to take advantage of every opportunity to support their progress and prepare themselves for their GCSEs.

Attendance This Week - 92%

As always, everyday matters in Year 11. Being in school, being on time and being ready to learn gives students the best possible chance of making the progress they are capable of.

Our intervention programme continues to thrive, and I have been really pleased to see students attending Maths, English, and Science sessions after school, alongside our targeted tutor-time intervention.

However, I also want to reinforce an important message around behaviour during intervention.

These sessions are an additional opportunity for students to receive support, ask questions, revisit difficult content, and strengthen their understanding. Staff are giving up their time to provide this extra support, and students need to show the same level of focus, respect, and commitment that we expect during normal lessons.

Afternoon intervention is still learning time. Students should arrive ready to work, listen carefully and allow others to learn without disruption.

The more students put into these sessions, the more they will get out of them.

Alongside intervention, I want to remind all Year 11 students about the importance of revision at home.

We cannot wait until the weeks immediately before the GCSEs to start revising. Building knowledge and developing effective revision habits **now** will make the process much more manageable later in the year.

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This doesn't mean students need to spend hours revising every evening. Small, regular sessions can make a huge difference, revisiting classwork, learning key quotations, practising exam questions, creating flashcards or testing themselves on important knowledge.

A little bit, often, is far more effective than leaving everything until the last minute.

Please continue to encourage your young person to establish a sensible revision routine at home alongside their schoolwork and other commitments.

Highdown School have a Sixth form Subject Fair/Opening evening coming up on the 21st of October and tours in November. Please see the flyer below:



Prom Fundraising – We Need Your Help!

Our Prom fundraising continues every **Thursday lunchtime**, and we would love your support!

We are making a plea to Year 11 parents/carers for **donations of sweets** that we can sell as part of our fundraising.

Please ensure that any sweets donated are **vegan and halal** so that they are suitable for all our students.

A reminder to parents/carers: if you have any contacts with local businesses or companies who may be able to offer their services at a reduced rate or support us with Prom, please do get in touch.

We are particularly looking for contacts for things such as:

- Photo booths
- Sweet carts
- PROM Large **LED** lights
- Other fun entertainment or Prom extras

Every bit of support could help us make the evening even more special for our students.

A huge thank you also goes to one of our Year 11 parents who has very kindly funded a candy floss stand for our Prom. This is such a generous contribution and will make a fantastic addition to the evening.

We are determined to make this the **best Prom yet**, and getting our fundraising started early gives us the best possible chance of making that happen! 🎉

120 school days.

That is all we have until the first GCSE examination.

It can be tempting to think that May is a long way away, but those school days will disappear quickly. Every lesson matters. Every intervention matters. Every piece of revision matters. Every positive choice matters.

Year 11, *you don't have to do everything at once, but you do need to keep moving forward.*

The students who make the most progress this year won't necessarily be the ones who are naturally the most confident or the ones who find everything easy. They will be the ones who keep showing up, keep trying and keep working when things get difficult.

"You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great."

Let's keep building those habits now. *Your future self will thank you for it.*

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



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