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Dear parent/carer

Y11 update

Y11 is a critical and intense time. It is crucial that students, parents/carers and staff work together closely so that achievement is high. There are now **fewer than thirty days** before the first summer examinations begin.

The summer examination timetable is now available. A generic timetable – covering all examinations – is included with this letter, as is a personalised version, specific to your child. The timetable is also available from the academy web site. Please note that all Y11 students are required to remain available until at least Friday 8 July, to enable them to complete their European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) qualification. The Y11 prom is scheduled for Thursday 7 July. Attendance at the prom will be dependent on the successful completion of the ECDL.

Additional learning sessions continue. Each student has an individualised timetable of sessions which they are required to attend. In addition, students are welcome at all additional learning sessions and are encouraged to attend as many as possible.

The senior year study zone continues to open from 7:30am each day and is an ideal venue to carry out some pre-school learning, while having a healthy, free breakfast at the same time. Please encourage your child to take full advantage of this opportunity.

The study zone will also be open and supervised by academy staff **every day, including weekends and Good Friday, throughout the Easter period, 10am until 2pm**, apart from Easter Saturday, Easter Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday.



Additional learning sessions, targeted at individual students, are also being held over the Easter period. If your child is required to attend, s/he will have been informed of this. Please do encourage her/him to attend as these will be very valuable opportunities to revise key course elements and/or complete controlled assessment and coursework.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the Y11 homework expectation is **two hours per week per examined subject**. If you are concerned that your child is not doing this amount of homework please do contact the school **immediately** – we need to make the most of every moment of possible learning time.

I enclose the results from the final set of mock examinations. Please review these carefully with your child and provide encouragement and praise as required.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

Amanda Phillips

Principal