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September 11 2018

Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers,

**Re: Year 11 Steps to Success Information Evening: September 27th 2018 5.30pm**

I do hope that you have had a happy and restful summer. I am delighted to inform you that our Year 11 leavers produced some very good GCSE results and there was much to celebrate on Results Day this summer. You will be pleased to hear that 11% of students were awarded at least one grade 9, the new top mark and most students have gone to their first choice of 6th form. In fact we have two students who have gained places at the prestigious BRIT School to study art and a number of students have gone on to take places at other very competitive 6th form colleges.

This year our aim is to build on the successes of our two previous GCSE cohorts and to ensure that your sons and daughters benefit from those approaches that have proved successful so that they can do even better. As well as ensuring that lessons are of the highest standard, we will also be running a busy programme of interventions and events to support students to achieve exam success.

In addition, there will be support and guidance with college applications. This Thursday afternoon, this programme will begin with a 6th form college fair during the enrichment slot from 2.30pm for students only. Students will hear from some of the local colleges and organisations to help them begin to understand what is on offer in terms of apprenticeships and 6th form colleges. Do please ask them about the event as it is important that students begin visiting colleges this half term and get their applications in early. We recommend that they apply to three places to keep their options open. Some colleges will have a deadline for applications this term, so do please help your son and daughter to get organised for this and do please visit the colleges with them.

In order to help you to understand the year ahead and to help give you ideas about how to support your child at home in this crucial year, we would like to invite you with your son or daughter to a **Year 11 Information Evening on Thursday September 27th**. This event will take place at School and will include a presentation with key information from Heads of Subject. There will then be an opportunity to briefly meet with other members of the academic and pastoral team.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of a few other key dates for Year 11 this year. We will be telling you more about these events at the Information Evening:

Monday 19 November  
Wednesday 17 January  
Monday 25 February  
Tuesday 14 May

Start of GCSE Mock Exams 1  
Year 11 Parents' Evening  
Start of GCSE Mock Exams 2  
Start of GCSE Exams

We very much look forward to seeing you on **Thursday September 27th** and I hope that you can make it a priority to attend this meeting. Please can you complete the form below to confirm that you will be able to attend.

Yours faithfully,

Nicolette Sorba  
Senior Assistant Headteacher

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Name of Student: ..... Tutor Group: .....

I will/will not be able to attend the Year 11 Information Evening (delete as appropriate)

Parent/Carer's Signature: .....