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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Period 6

From September, all Year 11 students will have a mandatory Period 6 lesson every day after school, running from 2:55pm to 3:45pm. These additional sessions are designed to support students in making the maximum possible progress ahead of their final exams.

This academic year, we trialled a targeted small group intervention programme in period 6 up until Christmas. Students were selected based on their Year 10 end-of-year exam results, focusing support on those who were either below their target grades or those we aimed to stretch toward the highest grades. This approach was informed by guidance from the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF), which suggests that targeted intervention is a highly effective use of students' time and school resources.

As a result, not all students attended Period 6 sessions every day during this time. However, the results were positive: targeted students made an average of 0.3% more progress than their peers between the two mock exam periods. Based on this success, we will continue this model again in September.

From January onwards, all Year 11 students will return to daily compulsory attendance at Period 6, as we have seen clear benefits from giving all students the opportunity to practise exam techniques with expert teacher support. Period 6 lessons will be visible on students' Arbor timetables, ensuring both students and parents are aware of their daily schedule.

Thank you for your continued support. This additional time makes a significant difference in preparing students for their summer examinations.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Walker





























