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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Additional Intervention Sessions

As part of our continued commitment to raising student attainment, we are continuing to offer the opportunity for Year 11 students to attend extra learning sessions, for a selection of subjects. However, due to the unprecedented circumstances we have found ourselves in this year, we have decided that these extra afterschool sessions will be delivered remotely, via video tutorials, using our Teams programme.

Evidence from the Education Endowment Foundation indicates that, on average, pupils make two additional months' progress per year from extended school sessions and in particular through the targeted use of before and after school programmes. There is some evidence that disadvantaged pupils benefit more, making closer to three months' additional progress.

After half term, with effect from Monday 2nd November, we will be offering extra support sessions in the subjects listed on the table overleaf and would expect students to access all of the English, Maths and Science sessions and as many of the others as they can/have been directed to. We would also welcome your support in encouraging your child to access these sessions, particularly as these subject leads are using non-contracted hours in order to create these and support our students in maximising their progress. If you have any issues regarding being able to access these sessions from home, then please contact us and we will look to support you in resolving this problem.

By conducting the revision sessions in this way, we hope to offer more flexibility in students being able to access them, freeing up additional time for teachers to conduct small group target intervention in school. If your child is offered an additional in-school session with their teachers, you will be informed by text message. Again, please encourage the attendance to these as it is being offered to support the progress and the plugging of gaps in their learning. Transport will be provided for those students that would usually travel to and from the Academy by bus.

The subjects that will be offering additional sessions and topics that will be covered remotely, via Teams, are attached.

If you have any questions regarding this offer, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss K Clydesdale
Academy Lead: Key Stage 4 Intervention

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Subject	Topics to be covered during next half term:
English	A Christmas Carol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Characters • Key themes • Analysing Language, form and Structure • Approaching the exam question and planning a response • Exemplar Material
Maths	Crossover topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angles in parallel lines • Area and perimeter • Averages and range • BIDMAS • Product of prime factors • Solving equations with unknown on one side • Solving equations with unknown on both sides • Expand brackets • Share an amount by a given ratio • Find amounts when given values of parts of ratio
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cells • Microscopes • Diffusion • Osmosis • Active Transport • Mitosis • History of the atom • Atomic Structure • Energy Resource • Energy Transfer
Computer science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memory • CPU Performance • Secondary storage • Operating systems • Utility software • Open source and Proprietary software
Business studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of Comprehensive Income • Statement of Financial • Cash Flow
Geography	<u>Paper 1</u> Living with the physical environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The challenge of natural hazards • The living world • Physical landscapes in the UK
Design Technology	<u>NEA</u> -Identifying & investigating. -Design brief and specification. -Generating design ideas. -Developing design ideas.
Food Preparation & Nutrition	<u>NEA 2 Meal planning</u> -Introduction Task analysis -Research - Analysis of Research, skills practical planning - Skills Practical 1 & 2 - Skills Practical Write Up - Final Dish Choice & Time Plan - 3 HOUR BLOCK PRACTICALS