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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: End of term reflection & information for September**

You will have already received communication regarding whole school information, but I am writing to you with specific information for your child as they move into Year 11.

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your continued support in your child's education. Working together as a team will without doubt ensure success for our students, particularly as we embark on our final leg of their secondary education journey. Year 11 will be a challenging year for us all but I can reassure you that, if we all continue to work together, your child will achieve the results they deserve and can be proud of next summer. Over the next 12 months, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mr Stone should you have any concerns or questions.

Secondly, I would like to say how proud I am of how the year group conducted themselves throughout the mock examination fortnight. The maturity with which the majority of our students approached these assessments is commendable. Following exam results there is always a period of reflection and lessons to learn for next time. It is important that students continue to build upon the culture they have created and if they can do this they will be in a strong position as we reach the end of Year 11.

**Learning @ Heanor Gate Events**

As communicated in the whole school letter, the Learning @ event for Year 11 will take place in person on Tuesday 13th September. This event is a fantastic opportunity to find out how we as a school and parent body can work together to best support your child through Year 11. You will be provided with key dates for the year as well as subject specific tips to help your child outside of the classroom. We look forward to seeing you all there and will be available to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

**The Year 11 School Day**

As we reach your child's final year at school it is vital that attendance remains high and that students are punctual. This is not only to teach them good routines for their futures, but also tutor time forms a vital part of their day and within the bespoke programme students will be receiving vital information on Post 16 opportunities as well as receiving additional subject input for our core subjects.

It is imperative that all students are in school and lined up for tutor time at 8:45am. Any students arriving after this time will miss key messages for the day, together with valuable study time. Please can I ask for your support in ensuring your child leaves home in plenty of time so that they are not late into school. For students that are late, we will contact home and they will make up any missed time after school; again your support with this is key.

As we move through Year 11 you will find your child's school day may not finish until 4pm on some nights where intervention and revision classes are run by subject staff. We ask that you encourage your child to take up all of these extra opportunities offered to them, which will maximise their potential grades next summer.

Whilst this will undoubtedly be a challenging year at times for all of us, I am sure it will be a successful one if we continue in the same vein we have for the past four years. We are excited to see our students take on the challenges of Year 11 and continue to work closely with yourselves.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a relaxing and safe summer and look forward to welcoming back your child on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely

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