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RE: Year 11 Information

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome our Year 11 learners back to the Academy and it is also fantastic to see that Year 11 have the best year group attendance compared to any other year. This is very pleasing and it is vital that all learners attend every lesson, unless of course they contract Covid-19 or require a PCR test.

At present we are dealing with significant staff absences and I am aware that many of our parents and learners are concerned about the potential impact that this could have on the rest of this school year and the Y11 examination. Firstly, I would like to reassure you all that Year 11 remains our priority and maintaining face to face teaching is at the absolute forefront of our aims. If a Y11 teacher is absent, our Curriculum Team Leaders have been asked to ensure that wherever possible, a subject specialist is placed on cover for Y11. This would always be our preference and we will try to ensure that this is the case wherever possible. In addition to this, we will also continue to offer Upgrade sessions after school to support learners with their revision. These still take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday every week after school and attendance to upgrade is compulsory.

Learners will complete a further timetable of PPEs after half term and although learners are aware of this we will also send out a detailed timetable next week. This will help both staff and learners identify strengths and areas for development to help guide future lessons and revision. In addition, it provides us with excellent assessment evidence, should we face any changes to the Summer Examinations. In some Cambridge National Courses, January exams are already taking place. Please be assured that this does not mean that they have completed this course, there is a further opportunity to sit the exam again in the Summer and also continued work on their Controlled Assessment Units. Currently all exams are due to go ahead in the Summer term as previously planned and we have not been informed of any changes to this. However, if guidance is updated, I will of course update you. Thank you for your continued support during this crucial year.

Yours faithfully

Mrs V Haggart
Vice Principal



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