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Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to write to you at the very beginning of this academic year to share with you our plans for your sons and daughters throughout year 11. Year 11 is a short but intense year and so it is essential that our pupils are equipped for success. The strong partnership between home and school is vital as we continue to uphold high expectations. I would like to draw your attention to some significant dates:

- First Year 11 Parents' Evening 17th October 2019
- First Year 11 Mock Exams (1 week) begin 28th November 2019
- Second Year 11 Parents' Evening 16th January 2020
- Second Year 11 Mock Exams (1 week) begin 5th March 2020
- External GCSE Exams begin 11th May 2020

This year group, on the whole, has exceptionally good attendance. Statistics inform us that there is a direct correlation between high attendance and GCSE success and so it is essential that our pupils continue to maintain these standards and even improve further. Punctuality at the start of the day and in all lessons is imperative. This is invaluable preparation for life after school.

As role models to all the younger pupils it is vital that behaviour and appearance is impeccable. I will be continuing with our system of consequences for those pupils who acquire 5 or more clicks in a week. As stated in pupil journals, haircuts must not be below a number 2, skirts need to be at the required length, make-up, jewellery and painted/false nails are not allowed.

The whole year group received a revision pack in year 10 and we will be running a weekly homework/revision club every Tuesday after school. Mr Greenacre will be running a Table Tennis Club each lunchtime for year 11 pupils only (trainers are essential). Throughout the year pupils will continue to work towards the Ripley Plus Award, which entails service both in and out of school. If they meet the criteria for the Award they receive a beautiful medal to be proud of and which is a great keepsake. This fantastic achievement is an admirable addition to their CV.

We will continue to reward pupils through the Passport to Privilege. There are some exciting times ahead already on our calendar:

- 19th December 2019 Trafford Centre Shopping Trip
- 3rd April 2020 Alton Towers Trip
- 25th June 2020 Year 11 Prom

Thank you for your continued support. With the strong cooperation that we have between home and school we can look forward to a successful year.

Yours faithfully,

Year 11 Team,
Mr Fuller, Mrs Webster, Mr Greenacre

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