

8<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we are sure you are aware when students reach Year 11 at the Academy they are expected to attend Period 6 lessons in subjects where it is felt they would benefit from extra support with their GCSE/BTEC studies. This is to help them achieve the outcomes they are capable of in their examinations in the summer.

Some of these Period 6 sessions have already started and there will be many more to come over the coming weeks. The students will have no more than four periods of Period 6 lessons per week, and these lessons will take place from 3pm until 4pm. Students will be registered for these classes, as is the case with a normal lesson, and will be expected to attend all lessons. Students who fail to attend Period 6 lessons will be chased up by staff to encourage attendance, and will be detained for failure to attend where necessary, as with any other school lesson. There will also be rewards and prizes for those students who attend all Period 6 lessons. It is integral that students understand that these additional classes are put on to benefit them in areas of the curriculum where they are not performing as well as we think they can.

The first section of Period 6 lessons will take place across the winter term and will follow a timetable according to the different faculties in the Academy. Your child will be timetabled Period 6 lessons according to their current performance in different subject areas. The nights your child will be attending P6 lessons will be added to their timetable, beginning 18<sup>th</sup> September, and you will be able to see these on classcharts. Your child's attendance will be tracked, as it would with any other lesson, on classcharts, so you are able to track whether they have attended. The Year 11 pastoral team will also track and chase up attendance of students allocated Period 6 lessons.

After the Christmas Holiday in December, a new set of subjects will be taken at Period 6 and new timetables will be issued, accordingly. We intend to make sure that Period 6 provision is as flexible as possible to allow your child to gain what they need from this extra provision, so there may be changes to the after-school timetable to increase/decrease the number of Period 6 sessions that your child attends.

Year 11 students will be provided with a new timetable during the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> October and lessons will begin during that week, to ensure we can maximise the number of sessions each student can attend. Please accept this letter as notification that your child will be expected to stay at the Academy from 3-4pm on those days identified on their timetable and that they will be supervised in classrooms in the Academy at all times during these sessions.

We hope you will support us and your child with these lessons, as in previous years they have proven very valuable in supporting the outcomes and progress of students. If you have any questions regarding Period 6, please feel free to contact Mr J. Greaves or Mrs A. Devey at the Academy.

Kind Regards,

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