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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your support in guiding your son / daughter throughout the transition from GCSE to Year 12. Year 11 students achieved excellent results and whilst we are very proud of their successes, students must be prepared for the significant jump from GCSE to A/S level. On Tuesday 13 September 6.00pm-7.30pm there will be a Parents' Information evening for Year 12 students and parents in the New Hall. This evening is an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have about Post 16 study.

The first parents' evening is on Wednesday 30 November 15.30 - 18.00. Further information will follow regarding this evening. Listed below are other key dates that will be useful for you:

Tuesday 13 September	Year 12 parents' information evening 6.30pm-7.30pm New Hall
Wednesday 21 September	Collapsed Day Periods 1-3
Thursday 20 October	Last day of term
Monday 31 October	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 1 November	First Day of term
Thursday 17 November	Post 16 progress checks home and online booking goes live
Thursday 17 November	Collapsed Day Period 1-3
Thursday 24 November	Early Closure- GCSE Presentation Evening
Wednesday 30 November	Post 16 parents' evening 15:30 -18:00
Friday 16 December	Last day of term – Early Closure
Tuesday 3 January	First day of term
Friday 10 February	Last day of term
Monday 20 February	First day of term
Friday 3 March	Parents' Evening online booking goes live
Thursday 9 March	Progress Checks home
Wednesday 15 March	Post 16 parents' evening 15:30 - 18:00
Tuesday 21 March	Post 16 Higher Education Convention Exeter
Friday 31 March	Last day of term
Tuesday 18 April	First day of term
Friday 26 May	Last day of term
Monday 5 June	First day of term
Monday 19 June – Thursday 29 June	Year 12 Exams
Friday 30 June	Sponsored Walk
Monday 10- Friday 14 July	Enrichment Week
Tuesday 18 July	Progress Checks Home



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Wednesday 19 July	Festival of Sport
Friday 21 July	Last day of term – Early Closure
Wednesday 17 August	A Level Results Day



Attendance

We believe that attendance is crucial in order for students to reach their potential. Students are expected to attend school every day; this includes registration at 8.45am. Registration is an opportunity for students to receive advice, guidance and support from their tutors. Holidays are only authorised in exceptional circumstances. The school attendance policy can be found on the school website or in the Sixth Form Information Booklets given to your son/daughter on the first day of term. Where absence is due to: a medical reason, attendance at university open days or other exceptional circumstances, students are expected to provide evidence and where possible get work from their subject teachers prior to the event. Please phone the Sixth form direct line on 01752 495041 to report any absence.



Student's attendance figures are used in any reference that the school provides. Students will receive the following statement in their reference:

- 95% Outstanding attendance
- 90-95% Excellent attendance
- 85-90% Good attendance
- 80-85% Satisfactory attendance
- Below 80% Poor attendance



Poor attendance may result in a student's place being withdrawn.

Academic Study

Research has shown that students who complete extra reading and read prior to lessons achieve the best results.

Students are expected to complete five hours of extra study per subject on top of the time they spend in lessons. The building has Wi-Fi throughout and there is a timetable of quiet study rooms so that students can work at school during their study periods. We encourage all our students to adhere to these deadlines. Deadlines are set by the school and the examination board and they are not negotiable. Late work will not be accepted. We constantly strive to encourage a positive work ethic amongst the students and the Sixth Form area on the school website has helpful hints and tips on how students can be effective learners.

Thank you in anticipation for your support in working in partnership so that your son/daughter has every opportunity to reach their potential. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss any concerns that you may have.

Please also find attached a copy of the Show My Homework log in details.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs R Littler
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