



27 September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Well, that's September nearly done and time seems to be racing ahead. This morning I took the assembly for Year 11 and the theme was around a poem written by Peter Wimbrown titled 'The Man in the Glass'. It focuses on the individual and how we perceive ourselves. I have included the link below for you. It only lasts a couple of minutes, but it's worth a watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xdBZLsp3b90>

I have had a few emails from parents over the past couple of weeks asking for some help with their role in supporting their son/daughter over the next eight months. Success is a team effort which involves all parties - you, the school and your son/daughter working together - and so you play a variety of roles.

A key role is to support the work of the school since, like you, we only want the best for your son/daughter. Keeping the lines of communication open and supporting the school is vital in helping your son/daughter to achieve their full potential, so please contact us if you have any issues or concerns. At home you will probably play a number of roles which include cheerleader, motivator, coach, information gatherer, project manager and supplies coordinator! The next eight months are going to be a stressful and emotionally charged period for you, your son/daughter and your family, so you can expect drastic mood swings and unexpected behaviour. One of your most important roles is to make home life as calm and supportive as possible. In this role you are not expected to fully understand the details of the exam system, know anything about sitting exams or be an expert in any subjects, but your input will still make a huge difference!

Thank you for your continued support in encouraging your son/daughter to fully embrace the supportive study programme.

Yours sincerely

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**Calendared events:**

23.9.19 – 3.10.19 Year 11 Progress Check window  
10.10.19 Year 11 Progress Check home to parents  
16.10.19 Year 11 Parents' Evening