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Dear Parent/Carer(s) and Students

Additional supportive study in the summer term

It has been really pleasing to have our students back in school. The transition from remote to classroom learning has gone smoothly. Feedback from our colleagues has been incredibly positive, and they are all looking forward to working with our Year 11 students for the 'final push' next term.

In terms of moving forward next term, we are totally aware that our main priority will be to prepare our Year 11 students for further assessments/tasks and to collate the necessary evidence for final submission of grades to the examination boards. To ensure that students are fully prepared for these assessments, we would strongly recommend that they attend the additional supportive study sessions after the school day. Regular attendance has proven not only to improve progress, but also to increase the confidence of the learner, which can be transferred to other areas of the curriculum. By attending these sessions, they will be strongly supported in reaching or even exceeding their academic potential this summer.

Please find attached the full Additional Supportive Study programme which will help them to map out their time effectively and target any areas where they need additional input. The study programme is in addition to the independent work they will also need to be doing at home, together with any extra sessions they feel would be of value during the school week. I recommend a further one to two hours of study per night at home to consolidate previous subject knowledge across all areas of their curriculum. This can take the form of completing homework or preparing for forthcoming in-class assessments.

Maintaining a high attendance and good punctuality is crucial for the forthcoming term. After Easter, staff will be preparing students for further assessments using a variety of formats. Attendance at these lessons is fundamental to ensure the best possible outcomes. Before these assessments take place, our colleagues will be doing the preparatory work to ensure all students have the necessary knowledge, practice and skills to fully access the assessment or classroom task. Missing any lessons could prove detrimental and may disadvantage your child's final outcomes. Please would you ensure that your son/daughter is committed to both their attendance and punctuality.

We are also in a position to inform you that the last school day for Year 11 students will be Friday, 28 May 2021. For those students wishing to stay at Plymstock School in the sixth form, we will be offering an induction programme of activities. We will also be offering a careers programme organised by Mrs Dover to support those students wishing to apply for apprenticeships/college placements and other post-16 destinations. Both will commence in June and more details will follow shortly.



We are immensely proud of our Year 11 students, with their resilience, spirit and overall character. The time left will offer many challenges to us all, but we remain incredibly positive that **all** our continued support and your son/daughter's full commitment will allow them to achieve their academic potential this summer.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact either of us at school. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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