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Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer,

Mentoring and Session 6 Information

With the first term of the academic year soon drawing to a close I thought it useful to update you on key events and information for the next term.

When the students return in January there are several key evenings happening in order to prepare students for the next steps post Year 11. Particularly important dates to be aware of are the 9th January (PTC) and 10th of January (Into The Sixth Evening). I have detailed these and some additional key dates for next term in the table below. A full list of key dates can be found on the start of term letter that I sent in September. All letters can also be viewed on the school website.

Year 11 Trial Exams	3rd-14th December 2018	Students
Year 11 PTC	9th January 2019	Students and Parents
Into The Sixth Evening	10th January 2019	Students and Parents
Year 11 Information Evening 2	6th February 2019	Students and Parents
Year 11 Trial Exams 2	Week commencing 4th March 2019	Students
Easter Break Revision Sessions	5th April-22nd April 2019	Students
May Half Term Revision Sessions	W/B 27th May 2019	Students



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Year 11 Mentoring Programme

The Year 11 mentoring programme is an important intervention that commences from the week beginning Monday 7th January. All students have been assigned a member of staff to support them through the build up to the final GCSE examinations. They are expected to meet with this mentor once a week for approximately 15-20 minutes at a mutually convenient time. On the year group google classroom a copy of the student mentoring booklet has been shared with the year group and students should refer to this in each weekly meeting in order to support them with mental health, goal setting and academic progress. Once your child has made initial contact with their mentor the member of staff supporting may feel it appropriate to make contact with you occasionally to update you on progress and strengthen the home/school link. The programme has proved extremely beneficial to the Year 11 students over the years and we would encourage you to speak regularly to your son/daughter about how the programme is going.

Session 6 Support

From Monday 21st January session 6 begins for all Year 11 students. On a weekly basis specific groups of students will be placed into compulsory after school support/revision sessions where appropriate (until 4pm). These sessions are designed to offer an additional level of support and with GCSE specification and curriculum changes these sessions are invaluable. Students should plan their free time around the session 6 weekly timetables that are shared with them and will need to remember that if they are required to take part, attendance at these sessions is compulsory. We would appreciate your support in ensuring students are present where necessary.

Please note that these sessions will run every week until the students break up for study leave in May 2019 and are not for the entire year group but targeted groups of students. However, it may be that your son/daughter is required to attend weekly and/or multiple sessions to support their revision and learning.

Finally, it has been a busy first term for our wonderful Year 11 students and I am both pleased and proud at how they have coped with the shift from Year 10 into Year 11. The vast majority of students are also considering 'next steps' after Year 11 ends and this is also encouraging.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy time with your son/daughter and families.

Yours sincerely,

Aimee Malherbe
Performance Director: Year 11