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BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

A Specialist Business and Enterprise College
with Applied Learning
Headteacher: Mr P McCaffery

20th October 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 11 students are at a critical point in their educational journey. With only a few months until the GCSE examinations begin, I am sure that you will agree that time is precious. It is therefore essential that we make every minute count in the limited time we have left in the countdown to the final examinations.

Recently, students completed assessments in all subjects to enable teachers to accurately assess the progress that has been made since the summer term. All students will receive a screening report on Monday November 8th, providing information on students' current grades, projected grades and suggested interventions, if applicable. Following this screening report, students will be required to complete an action plan of next steps, in discussion with their subject teachers. A copy of the action plan has been attached to this letter for your reference. Please discuss the screening report and the action plan with your child.

The mock examinations begin on Friday November 26th. Students have been given their individual mock timetables and this information will also be available on Frog. It is absolutely crucial that students plan revision effectively prior to this. In order to support this process, there is a Year 11 GCSE Preparation Evening for Parents on Thursday November 11th. We will provide you with key GCSE information, tips to help organise workload, and tried and tested revision strategies to help students remember the vast amount of knowledge required for GCSE success. Furthermore, there will be opportunities for you to collect useful revision resources for your child's GCSE subjects to enable you to support with examination preparation at home.

The event will commence at 5.30 pm in U Block Hall and is expected to finish at 7 pm. We are very much looking forward to seeing you there. Please complete the reply slip and return to your child's form tutor.

Below is a summary of key dates for your diary:

Monday November 8th – Screening report 1 issued and action plan distributed

Thursday November 11th – GCSE Examination Preparation Evening for Parents

Friday November 26th – Mock examinations begin

Friday November 26th – Business examination resit

Wednesday December 15th – Mock exams end

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Monday January 24th – Mock examination Results Day

Monday January 24th – Screening report issued

Wednesday February 2nd – Year 11 Parents' Evening

Tuesday March 1st until Friday March 4th – Mock examinations in English and Maths

Monday March 21st – Final screening report issued

Tuesday May 10th until Thursday June 23rd – Final written examinations

Thursday August 25th – Results Day

Finally, please can I take this opportunity to remind you of the support we offer in school for your child. At Bedford, we are dedicated to providing students with the highest levels of support and we want every child to leave Year 11 with the best possible results. This is why we offer period 6 every day after school, with the exception of Wednesday, week 2. These sessions are invaluable in assisting your child with their examination preparation and they help to establish good revision habits. Students are expected to attend period 6 when requested by staff. Please encourage your child to attend. Also, to further aid revision and independent learning, there is a dedicated frog site called "All Learning In All Subjects, Year 10 and 11." Within this site, there is a dedicated section for every subject where you will find specifications, past papers and lots of useful revision resources. Please explore this site with your child and encourage him/her to use the resources as part of their revision at home.

Thank you for your continuing support. By working together, we can help your child to leave school with the qualifications they need to succeed in their future education and careers. We hope to see you on Thursday November 11th.

Yours faithfully,

M Swaine

Michelle Swaine
Director of Learning – Raising Achievement
Leader of Learning in English

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Reply Slip - Please return to Form Tutor

Student's Name: Form:

I/We* shall be able to attend Year 11 GCSE Preparation Evening Please tick appropriate box (*Please delete as appropriate)

I/We* shall be unable to attend Year 11 GCSE Preparation Evening

Signed:Parent/Guardian