

Principals: Mr Jones, Mrs Gillam

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Dear Parent,

Appointments during the school day and intervention

As you will be aware, from 28th September your child will receive an extra six hours of lessons after school every week to support them with their GCSEs. Staff in the school constantly go the extra mile to support your child by providing lessons after school every day without being paid. As a result, we expect all students to attend these intervention sessions. Private tutoring for the same amount of time each week would cost more than £180.

The most important place for your child to be in the run-up to their GCSEs is in a classroom with their teachers. Students who arrive late to school or leave school early to attend doctors', dentists' or opticians' appointments lose vital learning time and are far less likely to achieve the outstanding grades of which they are capable. Many pupils never learn the content that they missed while they were at an appointment and consequently are disadvantaged in their exams.

As a result, to support your child's learning, the following will apply to students in Year 11 from 21st September:

- **Doctors', dentists' and opticians' appointments taken during school time or intervention will be treated as unauthorised absences.**
- **Your child will have to make up the time missed if they attend an appointment during school time** – this is 2 hours' worth of detentions in the first instance if your child misses intervention due to an appointment. They will use this time to catch up on the valuable work and teaching that they missed out on.

We appreciate that there are unavoidable occasions when your child may need an appointment. In these instances, appointments should be scheduled so that they take place after intervention (**after 4:45pm**).

With fewer than **eight** months until students sit their exams, it is crucial that pupils are making use of every minute of every lesson and after school intervention so that they are successful in their GCSEs.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to ensure your child fulfils their potential and achieves a set of grades of which they will be proud.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Park
Director of Year 11 Academic Intervention