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Mr P Rowe M.A.
Headteacher

Re: Advice and Guidance interviews for all Year 10 students in June and July 2018

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

This is the first of many letters you will receive during the next twelve months from Mr Essex and I as a result of our close involvement with Year 11. You will notice that this letter is also addressed to students, parents and carers as it is important that students are aware of what is going on and so it will have been sent directly to students' email accounts as well as to parents. As our Year 11 students will be completing their final GCSE examinations this month and many of them will begin their Sixth Form careers with our Sixth Form Induction later this term we consider that all Year 10 students have now joined Year 11 and so, aside from the Sixth Form, they are now the most senior students in the school.

As Mr Essex will remind them at their first Year 11 assembly, there is comparatively little time left before the GCSE examinations are upon us and we are keen for our students to do as well as possible next summer. For many students the hard work will have started some time ago and they are already completing the recommended two hours of homework a night, for others, there will be a need to step up very quickly in order to make the most of every day in Year 11 and to ensure that August Results Day in summer 2019 is nothing but good news. We are pleased to note just how seriously a significant number of students are taking the Mock Exams later this term.

We find that students are more likely to do well in GCSE examinations if they have an end goal in mind and, to this end, Mr Essex and I will be meeting with every student in the year group for an advice and guidance interview. These interviews will enable us to discuss students' ambitions and aspirations for future careers and give suggestions about likely entry requirements in terms of examination results for the various options. We find that many students will already have clear ideas about the next step, at the very least but that others will need to undertake further research and may need further support to make these decisions. We will meet periodically with students during Year 11 to check that they are on target to meet these aspirations. We will not normally write to parents to share this information but if you would like to know what was discussed in the interview then please contact me and I shall provide you with this information.

It is anticipated that students will be interviewed in groups of four although if a student requests an individual interview instead then this can be arranged. Students will be informed of the date and time of their interview through a notice in their register. If a student is absent on the day of the interview then the interview will be rescheduled.

We are convinced that these advice and guidance interviews have not only helped students make the move onto a next step which is both challenging and rewarding but have also resulted in an improved work ethic and better results at GCSE and we believe that this year will be no exception. If you wish to discuss these interviews or any other aspect of Year 11 life and work then please get in touch either with me or Mr Essex.

I look forward to working with all of you during the next year and with many of you into the Sixth Form as well.

Yours sincerely,

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