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Dear Parent / Carer,

Our staff are dedicated to providing individual support to our students so that they develop into outstanding and confident learners, ready to thrive in their GCSE courses as well as their education and training thereafter.

In order to help them achieve their full potential, your child has already been offered mentoring to support them through what can be a very busy and stressful year. Mentoring is proven to be a very effective method of raising attainment.

To further motivate your child, they will now take a Blue Support Lesson Record to each lesson. They will be set weekly points targets to achieve. At the end of each lesson teachers will award them points based on their individual targets, which may include their attitude to learning, the quality of work they have completed both in the lessons and in their homework. I would like make it clear that students have not been selected for this support because of their behaviour. Your child will bring their Lesson Record home each night for you to sign and return with them the next day. Your child will continue to meet with their mentor once per week during which they will discuss their Lesson Record and targets. They will also have their Lesson Record checked in tutor time twice per week by myself and a senior leader. You can see a copy of the Blue Support Lesson Record template attached to this letter. Your child will receive credits if they achieve their weekly target. If they do not meet their target they will attend Independent Study Support afterschool on Fridays.

This is some of the pupil feedback from last year's Blue Support programme:
'I feel more engaged and have a better relationship with my teachers.'
'My mentor is very supportive and I can talk to them about my worries and ask for advice.'

We anticipate that the Blue Support Lesson Record will lead to increased confidence and academic performance. It will provide mentors and parents/carers with up to date feedback so that together we can provide the right advice and support to your child.

You can support your child to achieve success with the Blue Support Lesson Record by ensuring they attend their mentoring sessions and by supporting them in the achievement of their weekly goals. Please ensure they complete homework on time and to the best of their ability as well as undertaking a suitable revision programme at home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's head of house.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Z Hammond
Year 11 Lead for progress and intervention

**Parents/Carers: Stay Alert. Keep your child at home if they have Covid-19 symptoms.
Stay Safe.**