

7<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Year 11: Catch Up Tuition**

The government have given schools some 'catch up' funding to help with after school tuition for students who would benefit with some extra teaching to plug gaps in learning during lockdown.

The good news is that over the last month we have been in discussions with all heads of departments about the extent of any lost learning during lockdown and mostly they are pleased with the progress students made in the summer term. Departments are planning to revisit lockdown topics in lessons before the PPEs in January and of course before the exams in the summer.

We have set up some small group sessions for Year 11 students across various subjects, where some additional support to help fill gaps in learning would be beneficial. If your daughter has been recommended for these sessions, you will be sent a separate letter with more details.

We are impressed with how Year 11 have transitioned back into school life and they seem to be coping well. They look like they are enjoying each other's company in the marquee at break and lunchtime and they are very good at keeping it tidy too.

We look forward to seeing you at the live virtual sixth form open evening this Thursday, with the presentation from Miss Ward, Head of Sixth Form and Mrs Bellis, Deputy Head of Sixth form at 6.00pm. The links to the virtual tours of departments and presentations will also be made available on the website on Thursday at 5.00pm.

Thanks for all your support – we know that it is a difficult year for parents as well as for students.

Yours sincerely



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