

SW-JC/AM

28th September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Your child is now in Year 11, the final year of statutory education and one of the most important since they started school.

I hope that your child will have worked hard in Year 10 to complete the required elements of GCSE or vocational coursework, and you are welcome to contact subject teachers or form tutor if they need further help or guidance. Mrs. Meiklejohn is also available for information regarding additional out of academy hours intervention sessions and subject specific revision that offered to support student learning.) Together, we are ready to embark on the final months before they move on to future successes through further education, training or employment.

It is important to remain focused, and attending the academy every day is essential if they are to achieve the best possible outcome at the end of Year 11. It is easy to underestimate the impact of a few days away from school. However, there is much evidence to show the detrimental effect absences can have on test and examination results. As well as the link between good attendance and good exam results, it is also important to maintain a good attendance record in order to secure future educational placements or employment. Ercall Wood will be asked to provide a reference and this will include details of attendance and punctuality.

It is also important to remember that parents/carers are required by law to ensure their child attends school regularly to the very end of statutory education. The school leaving date for current Year 11 pupils is Friday 28 June 2019. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that holidays should not be taken in term time at any stage of Year 11. There will be plenty of time in a few short months to take a break; now is not the time and we rely on parents for their support in this.

If we can help you any further with your child's attendance in Year 11, please do not hesitate to contact us and we can arrange to see you. Our contact details are below.

Yours faithfully



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