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Dear Parent/Guardian

Over the course of this week **Study Skills Week 1**, your child has been offered some useful guidance about how to plan and prepare for their first set of Year 11 examinations during Assessment week, which will start on **Monday 5 November**.

Please find attached a copy of the Year 11 Assessment week timetable. This shows the formal examinations which are due to take place in the sports hall. These will be in the "Core 4" subjects of English, Maths, R.E and Science. The other curriculum areas will also be conducting in-class assessments during this week. These assessments are extremely important and will be used to help inform your child's teachers about progress, expected grades and entry tiers for the exams beginning in May 2019.

One significant reason why pupils may not achieve their target grade is a lack of thorough revision. After discussion with some of the Year 11 pupils, it is evident that some pupils struggle with knowing which revision method works best for them. In an attempt to rectify this and ensure your son/daughter prepares well for the examinations, we have also provided each pupil with a revision guide which includes examples of a revision timetable. Those of you that attended our recent Information evening were given advice on how to help your child in these areas.

Please encourage your son/daughter to prepare a revision timetable, organise their lesson notes and study guides and produce revision notes as soon as possible. This structured and highly organised approach will give them a much better chance of success in the forthcoming examinations. We would also advise that all materials prepared for these examinations are stored carefully so that materials can be re-used for the actual GCSE examinations.

We also attach a copy of the after-school revision timetable. This schedule will run from **29 October until 21 December**. We would strongly advise your child to take advantage of these important teacher-led revision sessions and would appreciate your support in encouraging them to do so. Over the years, our evaluation processes have concluded that they are remarkably successful in improving grades.

If you would like any additional support for your child, please feel free to contact the Intervention team at school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. C. Collins/Miss. L. Melling

Mrs. M.McMiken

Y11 Intervention

Head of Year 11

I have received the Year 11 Assessment Week Information Pack and the after-school revision timetable for my child.

Name: _____ Form: _____

Signed: _____ Print name: _____

