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Dear Parent

### **Welcome Back, Key Dates and Curriculum Information**

I almost cannot believe that I am writing to you with information about your child being in Year 11 – time seems to be passing by so quickly! I trust you had an enjoyable summer and I am very pleased to have been able to welcome your child back to school. As a year group, Year 11 have made a settled and purposeful start to this academic year and I anticipate them achieving great things based on the positive attitude to schoolwork that has been seen though the first week back. Long may it continue!

As I have done previously, I wanted to write to you at the beginning of this academic year to highlight some key dates for the year ahead. It goes without saying that the main focus for Year 11 students are the final GCSE exams, most of which will begin in May 2020, but there are a number of important events that will take place before and after these exams to be aware of:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
1 Oct	Year 11 CV Writing Workshops & Duke of Edinburgh Award Presentation Evening
16 Oct	Year 11 Revision Evening & Post-16 Courses Open Evening
24 Oct	Year 11 Mock Interview Workshops
13 Nov	Skills Academy Open Evening (5.00 – 7.00pm)
18 – 28 Nov	Year 11 Trial Exams
29 Nov	INSET Day
2 Dec	INSET Day
18 Dec	Trial Exam Results Interviews
9 Jan	Year 11 Subject Evening (4.00 – 8.00pm)
30 Mar	Year 11 Subject Evening (4.00 – 8.00pm)
19 Jun	INSET Day & Year 11 Leavers' Prom

I am sure you will agree that it is going to be a very busy year for our Year 11 students, preparing them not only for their GCSE exams but also for the next stage of their education. More detailed information about these events taking place throughout the year will follow in due course.

Finally, you should receive curriculum maps for each subject area as a separate booklet alongside this letter. These will give you an indication of what your child is learning across the year so that you can discuss this with them. It also gives an indication of what homework and revision topics you should expect to see them completing when they are away from school. Your child will be able to give you more information about these - however, as always, if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's education please contact me, the relevant subject teacher or Head of Faculty at your earliest convenience. Names of pastoral and academic contacts are included on the back of this letter.

All that remains for me to say is thank you for your on-going support and I look forward to celebrating some fantastic GCSE results at the end of this academic year.

Yours sincerely

**Chris Moore**  
Head of Year 11