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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11,

We are writing to you to recognise that Year 11 have now fully launched into the exam period and to say how impressed we are with their positive and focused mindset. Their hard work over the last 5 years and the preparation they are putting in with their revision are setting them up for success. We understand this is a complex time for our Year 11 pupils to manage, and we are feeling very proud of the resilience they are showing.

Below are a few key reminders to support your child to have a positive end to their 5-year learning journey:

- Pupils are asked to go to tutor time every morning as usual - this ensures they can have their wellbeing check-in with their form tutor and be registered as present in school. They will be dismissed at 8.40am if they have a morning exam. Please remember that tutor time starts at 8.30am, so they must be there on time!
- Pupils should be wearing their school uniform as usual - this is important for them as it supports their usual routines and way of working. If there is an issue they can't resolve, we will ensure they are supported so they are dressed appropriately and can enter exams as planned.
- Pupils should return to lessons in a timely manner following any exams - there is still key learning/revision being done, and these last sessions with teachers are valuable. You have to be in it to win it!
- Pupils need to maintain positive attendance at school - we know some pupils say they work better at home, but data and evidence tell us this is not the case. Teachers are professionals and have quality lessons to deliver based on each pupil's current levels of knowledge. Please allow us to maximise your child's chances of success by ensuring they are in school during the exam period. Unauthorised absence from school is still subject to the Department of Education regulations, which can include fines.
- Outside of school, please continue the amazing work you are doing as parents and carers to set your child up for success in their exams. This includes supporting an active revision timetable, which should include short breaks for positive wellbeing, and ensuring your child has a routine for getting a good night's sleep and breakfast before arriving at school for an exam. These things can help your child get through this period as smoothly as possible.

If you need to discuss any concerns or queries, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance. You also have Mr Godfrey and Mr Kirkbride, whose contact details are below:

- Mr Godfrey, Pupil Support Manager for Year 11: godfrey.s@risedale.org.uk
- Mr Kirkbride, Senior Teacher for Key Stage 4 Standards: kirkbride.m@risedale.org.uk

Finally, please pass on our praise to your child for a positive start to the exams. We are committed to continuing to work together to see our pupils thrive.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Greenwood (Headteacher)

