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Dear parent/carer,

Maximising Success: The Importance of Attendance in the Final Countdown

As we enter the final, critical months of Year 11, I am writing to highlight the direct link between **consistent attendance** and your child's success in their upcoming GCSE exams.

At this stage, every single lesson is vital. Teachers are now moving into intensive **revision units**, tackling the most challenging exam topics, and providing essential **exam techniques** that cannot be easily replicated through independent study at home.

The statistics are clear: pupils with attendance above **95%** consistently achieve significantly higher grades than those who miss even a few days. Every day out of school is a missed opportunity to bridge a knowledge gap or receive feedback that could be the difference between grade boundaries. Even at this stage of their schooling, better attendance will make a difference. Please support us with this.

How You Can Support Your Child:

- **Prioritise School:** Ensure all non-urgent medical appointments are booked outside of school hours.
- **Routine:** Maintain a consistent morning and sleep routine to ensure they arrive on time and ready to learn.
- **Open Dialogue:** If your child is feeling overwhelmed or anxious about their exams, please contact us immediately so we can provide support rather than them missing lessons.

We are proud of the hard work Year 11 has put in so far. Let's work together to ensure they have the **BEST** possible platform for success this summer.

★ **Be Here, Be Ready, Be Your BEST!!!** ★

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards,

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