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Dear Parent/Carer,

After the Christmas Holiday we will be launching an additional initiative that is designed to help all of Year 11 achieve their full potential in the Summer GCSE exams.

We would like students to attend school for a **Period 6**, in order to attend the after-school revision sessions that are provided for a wide range of subjects. This means that for the days where there is a session that can be attended, the finishing time will be 3:50pm. Students who need transport to Shrewton, Larkhill and Netheravon will be able to catch the school mini-bus at that time.

In order to incentivise students to attend 4 of the Period 6 sessions per week (a small number of students are being supported through less than 4 per week as a way of meeting their needs in the best way), they will be given a **Prom Passport**. Invitation to the Prom and Leaver's Day will be based on a 90% attendance rate to the sessions that are provided for them on their timetable. The sessions that are indicated on their timetable have been decided upon based on the areas that they need to work on most. If English, Maths or Science has been indicated for the sessions, it indicates that they need additional support throughout the rest of the year in order to achieve their target grades in those subjects. Since there are more subjects available to students than there are days in the week, they will not be able to attend sessions for every single subject that they study. Where these clashes have been evident, we have allocated the subject that they need to receive additional support on most based on tracking data. We will also be checking the performance in the recent Mock exams to ensure that the best match has been chosen.

The scheme will run from the 8th January until 23rd March, which is ten weeks of school. Students will be provided with a sheet that enables attendance to be recorded over this period, as well as electronic registration that will take place. We aim to provide students with timetables on 18th December and we will issue the Prom Passports at the beginning of term 3, and an additional one at the beginning of Term 4.

Once the 90% threshold has been met students will be issued with an invitation to the Prom. In the meantime it is still possible to pay for the prom in advance as placed on ParentPay earlier in the year. Should your child not meet the criteria of the Prom

invitation, we will refund the ticket cost where this has already been paid for. However, we will not take any responsibility for costs incurred for hiring or purchasing of dresses, suits, cars, etc. Prom tickets may also be withdrawn for serious misbehaviour, or consistent breaches of school rules.

We also wrote to you recently to promote a new website that we were providing for all Year 11 students called **Pixl Independence**, that can be accessed via the link: <https://students.pixl.org.uk>, and using the School ID: 202960 and the password Indep13. For students who can earn at least 500 credits by completing any of the tasks on the website, for any of the subjects that they study by Thursday 8th Feb, we will be allowing them to finish at lunch time on Thursday 22nd February, as a further incentive to complete work above and beyond the Homework that they are being set by teaching staff in order to best prepare themselves.

The challenge faced by students in this year's GCSE exams is by far the biggest challenge that many of us have seen within our teaching careers. Every subject has become tougher; each subject has been filled with more content, and in lots of cases more challenging content that you would previously have found at A level standard; aspects of courses that ordinarily supported students such as coursework units, or even formula sheets within the exam have been removed. We are therefore creating opportunities such as these in order to ensure that students are as prepared as they possibly can be, achieve their full potential, and therefore ensure that they have improved their life chances through ensuring places at college, or sixth form, and have the grades that they want on their CV.

We therefore ask that you support us in our efforts, and initiatives such as these. We also ask that you continue to monitor their completion of homework (logins to **Show My Homework** were reissued earlier in the year), monitor their behaviour (**Insight** logins were issued earlier in the year), and promote independent learning that goes above and beyond, particularly focused on the areas that they need to improve on most (as per the Mock results that will be sent home shortly, and the Attitude to Learning grades that will be shown). We have provided many resources to support this (**Tassomai, Mathswatch, Geography/History/English Lit apps, Pixl Independence, access to revision guides**, etc) but the resources will not achieve anything unless they are used on a regular basis by students.

If you need to be reissued with any of the logins, please let us know via our admin email address, or via tutors.

We look forward to celebrating record-breaking results with you and the students in the Summer.

Yours faithfully

N D Roper
Headteacher