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Dear Parent or Carer

With only three school weeks to go before our Trial GCSE examinations begin, we want to provide some additional help and support to those pupils most at risk of significant underachievement.

With this in mind, I would like to draw your attention to the following information regarding **intervention classes**, which take place after school from **3.05pm to 4.00pm, Monday to Thursday**.

We have a subject priority timetable in place, which runs over two weeks. However, if students have not been allocated to an intervention session in one subject's priority night, then they can be placed into a different subject intervention class. *[The pupils are very familiar with our system for allocating interventions].*

Our staff are committing themselves to significant amounts of time over and above their normal teaching commitments to offer help and support to your son or daughter and therefore **they must attend**.

It is only in extra-ordinary circumstances that pupils may be excused from a session. Any potential absence must be checked with the subject teacher.

Children who do not attend the sessions should expect to face the following sanctions:-

1. In the first instance, pupils will be asked to justify their absence. Parents will be made aware of the absence.
2. For the next intervention session, pupils will be escorted to it by a member of staff to ensure they receive the extra help and support they need.
3. We are not expecting any pupil to decline this extra help and support, but if they do fail to attend and this happens four times then they will not receive an invitation to the Leavers' Do.
4. Pupils who miss two or three sessions will follow a different intervention programme. Those pupils will be escorted to a revision session with a member of our senior leadership team where they will spend an hour revising from a variety of study guides.

Our intention is to provide this extra level of support at this **crucial time in Year 11** and I trust that you will support us with this system. There is no doubt it is at your son or daughter's detriment if they fail to take up the opportunity for extra subject sessions with their subject teachers and we must help them to achieve their potential, even if they do not want to help themselves.

Yours faithfully

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