



We Make A Difference

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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Year 11 Compulsory Period 6 English Lesson

I am writing to inform you of a change to the school day next year to further support our Year 11 students as they prepare for their English GCSE examinations.

From **the start of the next academic year**, there will be a **compulsory Period 6 English lesson** for all Year 11 students. These sessions will take place **every Monday after school from 2:45pm – 3:45pm** and are taught in the same English groups as the other English lessons each week and by your child's Year 11 English teacher. The additional teaching time will allow teachers to consolidate learning, develop students' writing skills, and build their stamina – all of which are key not only to success in both the GCSE English language and GCSE literature qualifications your child will study, but across all of their GCSE subjects. Fluent writing skills are also essential for sixth form and college courses.

This will be the second year that we have operated the extended Monday for all Year 11 students, and there is no doubt that it benefitted the students who have just completed their GCSEs.

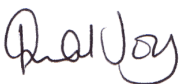
As you may be aware, funded programmes such as the National Tutoring Programme (NTP), which previous cohorts benefited from, are no longer available. We are therefore ensuring that all students have access to the additional support they need through this in-school provision.

Please note that there will be after-school sessions for other subjects on other days. An updated after-school study programme will be shared with families early in September so that you can plan for any changes to daily routines.

Expectations for period 6 will be the same as for all other lessons in school. Students are expected to attend punctually, participate fully, and approach the sessions with a positive attitude to learning. Students should also consider the implications of the later finish on transport home and out of school activities that may currently take place on a Monday.

We are confident that this additional support will make a significant difference to your child's progress. Thank you, as always, for your continued encouragement at home. Together, we can ensure that every student has the best possible chance of success in their GCSE examinations.

Yours faithfully,



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