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Dear Parent/Carer

As we leave for Easter I thought it would be pertinent to write to you to update you on several things that have happened and the plan for when we return to school. It has been a busy term for Year 11 but next term will be equally stressful and busy so it is important we work together to make it as smooth for the young people as possible.

Mock results and predicted grades

As you are aware, we held a mock results session during period 5 on Monday, designed to replicate the results day that students will experience in the summer. During the previous two weeks we asked every student what their preferred post-16 destination was and what grades they needed to gain entry onto the course. This enabled us to not only give them their results, but provide them with the letter they would also receive in the summer should they get those results. I appreciate that for some students the letter may have been a disappointment, but we have to be honest and prepare them for every eventuality. We obviously hope that every student gets the results they want and need. The letter hopefully gives students a clear idea of what they need to improve between now and their actual GCSE exams, and will serve as motivation.

We have also given the students a report today that has their predicted GCSE results on it. I have met with every CTL in the school to go over the students' mock results to come up with the predicted grades. Factors such as attendance, engagement, motivation and work ethic were central in us predicting if each student would make progress between now and the summer exams.

One thing that is clear, we have achieved nothing yet. The four weeks back after Easter before the exams start are the most crucial weeks in the student's educational lives so far. We need to work together to make sure those that need to improve do so, and those whose mock results were what they wanted do not become complacent.

Interventions

All students were today given a slip which details what after-school interventions they will have when we return from the Easter holidays, which start with Maths intervention on Monday 13 April. Selected students will also be doing extra maths and english during core PE lessons and we will also be running extra intervention sessions during tutor time. With only four weeks left of normal timetabled lessons, attendance to these interventions is crucial as the sessions will be focused on what needs improving from the mocks. If your child can not attend the after-school sessions please let us know otherwise from a safeguarding point of view we will need to call you.

You may also have been contacted by the individual departments to inform you that your child has been selected and invited to some revision sessions we are running during the school holidays. Please check your emails for these as they will have come directly from the curriculum leaders.

Rewards

We appreciate that it is currently a stressful time for the Year 11 students and so we have tried our best to reward those that have been outstanding over this half term. On Monday we held an awards assembly in which students received public recognition for various things such as the most progress from the November mocks, attendance, intervention, and consolidation amongst many others. Today we held a rewards breakfast for the students who were in the top 10 for Integrity A points this week, which was the #TeamHeanor value we focused on this term.

Following on from our 'Prom Passport' we also have allocated funds to give over 50 students a discounted price on their prom ticket based on their attendance, intervention attendance or A points. We hope this will also help parents as much as it does students!

Prom, Yearbook and Leavers Hoodies

The prom tickets will go live on ParentPay week commencing 13 April for those students who have met the criteria we set at the start of the term. We expect students to meet our attendance targets both to school and intervention alongside showing the TeamHeanor values that all students have learned to work towards. Where attendance or values have dropped below our expectations, these students will not yet be able to book their ticket for prom. I will be giving all students another chance and reviewing this after the first three weeks back.

All students will be able to purchase the Year book and Leavers Hoodies on ParentPay from today.

Consolidation

Below is the link for our homework calendar for next term. It is the busiest term of their Heanor Gate career, for obvious reasons. I have a mountain of flashcards and revision timetables in my office should the students wish to use these to help with their consolidation and revision.

Homework Calendar - [📅 Homework Calendar - Year 11 2025/26](#)

We wish you and your family a brilliant Easter and that the students refresh themselves whilst still making sure they are fitting in some revision over the holidays.

Yours sincerely



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