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Dear Parent / Carer of

As we approach the end of Year 11, it is essential that everything possible is done to ensure **that students gain the best possible examination grades**. There have been significant changes to the way student outcomes are judged. However, the basics remain in place, in particular English and Maths outcomes remain vital. Good grades in English and Maths create a basis for students to go on and succeed, whatever their pathway.

There is now a 9 point scale rather than letter grades, with a 9 being above a former A\*. There are common grades, with a 4 equating to a low C, and a grade 7 and an A being identical. This year a “Good” pass is judged as 5 or higher, which would equate to a C+ grade rather than the previous C grade, which would now be a grade 4. Grade 4 is still a pass, but a “Standard” pass.

Whatever the grading system, we need to maximise the chance of success in the forthcoming exams. As such all students need to embark on a sustained period of revision. An immediate start to the revision process is now needed.

We intend to provide support for revision in school. **Wath staff have volunteered to run a revision programme to help Y11 revise**. Teachers need your support in ensuring that your son/daughter takes advantage of what is on offer. My recommendation is that students attend **at least 3 sessions** a week, although many will want to attend more. All students will benefit from attending, and all are welcome, even where not specifically named, and I certainly think all should attend both English and Maths. Maths, Science and MFL will join the other subjects after February half term.

In many subjects, specific students are named and targeted to attend revision. The Y11 team go through every student in detail and look at current estimated grades and potential future subject choices and have compiled a list of subjects where attendance at revision is strongly recommended.

I will contact parents if students are not attending and know I can rely on your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Powell  
**Deputy Headteacher**

The revision programme is outlined below:

**Monday:** Art / Design Technology / Maths/ Geography  
**Lunch:** Art, Business Communications

**Tuesday:** Lunch: Art / Business Studies

**Wednesday:** English / Design Technology / Art  
**Lunch:** Art / Psychology / Design Technology

**Thursday:** Science / MFL / Food / PE  
Art / Design Technology / RE / Sociology

**Friday:** Dance/ Music / MFL / Science / History

**Please Note:**

Drama sessions are via flexible arrangement.

English sessions are for all students.

Maths, MFL and Science sessions start after February half term.

MFL and Science rotate weeks, Thursday one week and Friday the next week.

Those attending Dance or Music on Friday evening should attend Science on Friday lunchtime.