

13 October 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Year 10 and 11 'After School Catch Up' Programme

As promised at the start of this academic year, ahead of October half term, we have carefully reviewed the 'After School Catch Up' programme that currently runs on a Tuesday for Year 10 and a Wednesday and Thursday for Year 11. The additional time that we have had with our students over the course of this half term has been exceptionally important and has allowed us to carefully address gaps in knowledge across key subject areas.

Throughout this half term, teachers have reported whether they feel your child has any gaps in their knowledge that cannot be addressed through normal classroom teaching. Based on the information teachers have provided, it is clear to us that there is a need to move to a more targeted catch up approach after October half term. Where significant gaps have been identified, we will be seeking to address these through additional work at home and further after school revision.

In the majority of cases, however, owing to the exceptional commitment of students during lockdown, gaps in knowledge are minimal and can be addressed during normal lesson time. As a result, I can confirm that the mandatory 'After School Catch Up' programme currently in place will come to an end at October half term. This means that from the week commencing 2 November, the school day for Year 10 and 11 students will be as follows:

Monday

- Year 10: 8.25am - 3.55pm
- Year 11: 8.15am – 4.00pm

Tuesday - Friday

- Year 10: 8.25am - 3.05pm
- Year 11: 8.15am – 3.10pm

As a final point within this letter, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Year 10 and 11 students and their families for their support over the course of this half term. Students have returned to school remarkably well and have approached the current exceptionally difficult circumstances with a real sense of maturity.

Yours faithfully



Mr C Stokes
Principal