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Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 11 is a vital year in setting your child up for their future. Succeeding in year 11 will open many opportunities for your child's future progression and career goals. It is important that everybody is working collectively to ensure success is achieved.

As a school we are working hard to support each and every single child in year 11 to achieve their personal success. Through amazing teaching staff, with excellent subject knowledge and robust planning, teaching and learning, tracking and assessing procedures we are ensuring your child is able to succeed within the classroom environment. Staff are also offering revision sessions outside of lessons taking place during lunchtimes or afterschool to recap content from year 10 and focus on targeted areas from the mock feedback. We also have pastoral support which includes mentoring, counselling, exam stress workshops, school nurse referrals and mental health specialists to enable your child to succeed in their physical and mental wellbeing. We have a dedicated team of form tutors who are that initial point of contact within school for concerns, queries and support about any aspect of school life. Finally, a careers' advisor who has been supporting your child in understanding their post 16 options, career goals and future aspirations. I, as Head of Year, have the overview of your child's attainment, behaviour, attendance and progress. Thus, as a school we are working incredibly hard to ensure your child has the tools to be successful within subject areas, for their future and general wellbeing. All of this support is focused on supporting your child to succeed.

As a student in year 11, it is important that your child utilises all of this support on offer. Your child needs to ensure they are accessing revision materials provided by staff, completing homework and responding to feedback on a regular basis, both in school and outside of school. This will enable your child to focus on improving and getting the best grade possible. Your child also needs to enable the learning environment to be a calm and focused one by ensuring they are ready, respectful and safe. These rules are clearly defined and easy to follow. Your child needs to take responsibility for their books, ensuring they are presented to a high standard and that they have all the correct equipment to make this easy for them. Their books are their main revision material, so it is important that these are easy for them to use. Therefore, it is important that in all of their subjects, and across the entire school environment, they are working with the staff to enable them to achieve success. It is their GCSE grades that they are working

towards and the more success they achieve the more opportunities will be available for them when they leave Kingstone High School.

As a parent / carer of a child in year 11 please support your child and the school so success can be achieved. Use G4S to ensure you are up to date on your child's homework, progress, attendance and behaviour. Have conversations of encouragement with your child to help them keep on top of their homework and revision and to ensure a conducive environment at home for this to take place effectively. Contact your child's subject teachers to see what support is being offered in the subjects and what more your child could be doing to make progress. To support the school with good attendance and attitude to learning please encourage your child to attend school every day and make the school aware of any issues that may impact on attendance or attitude to learning so support can be put in place in a timely way. Also, have conversations with your child about the school rules of ready, respectful and safe and encourage your child to follow these. This will help your child to be successful and ready for the next step. Please make sure you are discussing future goals, aspirations and college/apprenticeship applications with your child so that they are prepared for the next step.

All of the key stakeholders: school, student and parent/carer need to be working collaboratively and collectively to ensure the best possible outcomes. Success can only be achieved by all of us working together and as a school we very much appreciate your support.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours faithfully,

*A Parker*

Miss Parker

Head of Year 11

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