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Dear Parents and Carers of our Year 11 students,

Thank you to you and your children for a really positive start to the year. As you are aware Year 11 is an important and challenging year and I am writing to you to reassure and inform you of the plans that are in place to support your child. We know that it helps to be prepared and plan ahead so on the back of this letter is the "Year 11 – A Year On One Page". This page outlines the key dates for the year, there are a few dates to be aware of for September, for example, next week we are speaking to each Year 11 student personally about their progress and the goals they want to achieve. Also, on the 25th September, you are invited to attend a 'Bridging the Gap Evening' where you can get information about how best to help your child prepare for GCSEs and ask questions of staff.

We would ask you and your child to attend as many of the evening events as possible, and as always ask their tutors, teachers and the pastoral support team for help if they need it. We also realise that this can be a stressful and anxious time and will be providing students with lots of support, advice and guidance in this area.

One of the key areas of support that we offer is our intervention programme. This programme selects students who would benefit from some focused support and guidance in specific subjects. The programme will run in cycles and take place after school. This means that if a student has not been selected in this current Intervention cycle they may be next time.

The first cycle of GCSE Intervention will start next week – commencing 10th September 2018 - for 6 weeks. Attendance at these sessions is really important to your child's progress and achievement at GCSE. Students have been issued with personal timetables, outlining which subjects have selected them and when and where they should go. If students are not needed by other subjects, they can always attend the sessions in English (Tuesdays), Science (Wednesdays) and Mathematics (Thursdays). If you have any questions or queries about the intervention programme please contact Miss S Eales, Assistant Principal, or the relevant departments.

We cannot over emphasise the impact that your support has during this year and know that when we all work in partnership our students, your children, are happier and achieve more.

Yours faithfully,

Mike Wilson
Headteacher
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Year 11 – A Year On One Page

Wednesday 29th August – Welcome back and setting the context of Year 11 Assembly.

Friday 7th September - Launch of GCSE Intervention Programme.

Thursday 13th September – Goal Mapping and Progress Interviews

Tuesday 25th September – Bridging the Gap Evening for Year 10/Year 11 parents and students preparing for GCSEs.

Thursday 27th September – Year 11 Parents Evening.

Wednesday 24th October – Year 11 Mock Interview Day.

Wednesday 7th November – 16+ Open Evening at Wigston College.

Monday 12th November – Walking/Talking Mock GCSE Exams start (approx. 2 weeks).

Monday 19th November – Study Skills Event.

Wednesday 21st November – Oxbridge Event for targeted students

Monday 26th November – Year 11 A Level Taster Lessons start.

Monday 3rd December to Friday 14th December - Year 11 PPEs (Mock Exams).

Monday 17th December – UCAS Progress Application DEADLINE.

Monday 17th December + - Work issued for the holidays.

Monday 14th January – Application to Wigston College 6th Form DEADLINE.

Tuesday 22nd January – Motivation Event.

Tuesday 22nd January – Year 11 Revision Planning Evening for Parents.

Monday 11th February – Start of Year 11 6th Form Interviews.

Wednesday 13th February – Careers Fair.

Monday 11th + February – Holiday Homework issued and Half-Term School Timetable confirmed.

Thursday 28th February – Year 11 Parents' Evening.

Monday 11th March – Year 11 Subject Assessments/PPEs start (approx. 2 weeks)

Monday 18th March – Apprenticeship Evening.

Monday 8th April + – Easter Work issued and Easter School Revision Timetable confirmed.

Wednesday 10th April – Exam Buster Event.

Monday 13th May – Start of Summer GCSE Exam season