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Dear Parent(s),

Re: Year 11 Welcome Back Letter

Welcome back to a brand new academic year! We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and restful summer break. As we step into Year 11, Mr Houston, Mrs Marshall, and I want to share how proud we were of the year group during their end of Year 10 exams. They showed fantastic maturity, and that gives us a brilliant foundation to build on.

To give our students the best start in a competitive world, high standards matter. Please ensure uniform and punctuality are spot on every single day. Punctuality is especially vital because our Year 11 Tutor Programme is tailored specifically around exam preparation, revision techniques, and key assemblies to support post-16 choices. From day one, we are already focused on helping students secure their first-choice destination after Sandhurst. The success of that journey starts right now.

To support the year group even better, Mr Houston and Mrs Marshall are now based and working directly out of the Upper School Building alongside me. This means the main pastoral hub for Year 11 has moved. Whether students need advice, help, or a bit of reassurance, our team is now located together in one easy go-to spot.

What we saw clearly from last year's outcomes is that, above everything else, attendance in school matters.

- **Under 90% Attendance:** Students with less than 90% attendance achieved 1.5 grades lower on average compared to those with 90% or higher.
- **95%+ Attendance:** Students with 95% attendance or above achieved half a grade higher again across their subjects.

While after-school revision sessions are great for extra support, they can only go so far to fill gaps. Being in the classroom when the content is first taught is always the best time to learn.

Year 11 is a tough year for everyone, but we truly want every student to have the best experience possible. We expect the absolute best from each student, and while they might not always appreciate the extra attention and push right now, they certainly appreciate it later in the year when they collect their results!

We will always look for solutions and ways to help. If you ever have a concern, please reach out to us and we will do our very best to support you. While we are not always able to fulfil every request - often simply because it is outside our ability to do so, not because we are unwilling to help - we are in your corner.

Thank you again for all your support last year. Be assured that we will be doing everything we can to ensure your son or daughter has a happy, confident, and successful final year with us.

Kind regards,

Mr J Southwood
Deputy Headteacher

Mr R Houston
Head of Year 11

Mrs T Marshall
Year 11 Pastoral Support