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Dear Parent/Carer

We have welcomed the students back from their summer break and are now focussed on supporting them to achieve their very best outcomes during their time in Key Stage 4. I write to inform you of some key developments to help support students in this pursuit.

Welcome to Key Stage 4 Evening

Given the crucial role you play in your child's examination success, we are pleased to invite you to an information evening on **Thursday, 28 September, between 6.00-7.00pm**. The purpose of the 'Welcome to Key Stage 4 Evening' is to allow you to meet with key staff and to learn about how you can best support your child to maximise their potential in their GCSE studies. We greatly value your support in attending this evening. It is not necessary for students to attend.

Uniform

All Key Stage 4 students have a responsibility to fully comply with uniform expectations. We have, however, been concerned that a small number of Year 10 students have returned with facial piercings. Please refer to the recent communication detailing the uniform policy for the Academy.

Any student with piercing that doesn't comply with these uniform rules will be placed in isolation. Please can I take this opportunity to thank those parents/carers who have already supported the Academy with this matter.

Achievement Points

It is vital that all students are praised for their academic performance and positive attitude to learning habits are recognised. Therefore we have adapted the rewards policy to move away from praise postcards and to achievement points. Teachers award achievement points to students and these are collated on the Academy's system. This will be published on your child's assessment report and commendations will be issued in the Year 10 Assembly on a half termly basis. I feel sure that this new system will encourage students to aim for an ethic of excellence in all of their endeavours.

Supervised Private Study

All Key Stage 4 students will have supervised private study from 2.45 until 3.10pm on a Wednesday afternoon. This will be overseen by their form tutor. The intention is to instil in students the need to regularly revisit their GCSE studies in order to consolidate and help remember their learning. Mentoring will take place in form time throughout the week.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do contact me.

Yours sincerely



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