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To All Parents/Carers

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Dear Parent/Carer

Fantastic Year 11 Exam Success!

I am delighted to inform you that, following 'early entry' for exams, 60% of our current Year 11 students have already achieved at least a C grade in GCSE English Language. In addition, 33% of them now have a C grade in GCSE Maths. This means that 30% of the whole year group have at least Cs in both English Language and Maths!

This is brilliant news and a real tribute to the hard work of the students, the dedication and commitment of their teachers and the support and perseverance of parents and carers.

We are thrilled that 'early entry' for English and Maths has clearly paid off. Students feel that it alleviates the pressure of leaving it all until the summer of Year 11; they are more motivated to try their best and ecstatic when they achieve success early! In addition, these results have been extremely useful in our post-16 interviews, as they provide us with an early indicator of what a student is actually likely to achieve at the end of Year 11 and, in turn, the kind of a programme on which they are most likely to succeed.

We are also reaping the rewards of other improvements made to our Key Stage 4 curriculum nearly 2 years ago, as well as teaching methods and the assessment and tracking of students. As such, after a couple of disappointing years, we are now well and truly on target to achieve the College's best ever results: we expect **81% of the current Year 11 to attain 5 or more Cs and above** at GCSE. We also expect **59% of the year group to gain 5 or more Cs and above with English and Maths**.

We appreciate that our current, impressive, achievements are not included in the recently published 'League Tables' but we want to reassure you that we have never been and will never be complacent about the outcomes of our students. The changes we introduced 2 years ago will have a major impact on students in all other year groups in our College as they work their way through.

We would particularly like to thank the parents and carers of Year 11 students – we know it has been a stressful time for everybody but hope you can already see that it will be worth it! In the meantime, if you would like a more detailed explanation of the strategies we have in place to secure not only our best ever College results this summer, but also improved results in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Principal



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