

HRH/CAK

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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware the current Year 11 will be the first year group who will be expected to reach the new benchmark for national standards in GCSEs. For teachers and students this means that the amount of work covered and the depth and challenge has significantly increased. Curriculum leaders have also seen a change to the grade boundaries this year which has meant that it is much more difficult to reach the thresholds for A/A* grades at GCSE.

With this in mind, we are having to run an increasing range of intervention/revision sessions to support students with the linear exams. Most sessions run across the week and, therefore, this may reduce the amount of time available for extra-curricular activities. Furthermore, we have had to reduce some of our offsite provision for PE to enable Maths, English and Computer Science to work with students intensively, ensuring they secure their target grades. We are fortunate to have an enrichment programme built into the school curriculum where students have an opportunity to develop wider skills including additional PE. Moving forward, we are hopeful that when the new GCSE specifications are finally published and embedded in schemes of work, there will be less need for such regular intervention and revision sessions.

If your child is no longer attending any offsite PE, we will ensure that you are fully refunded for the amount you have paid and apologise for any inconvenience that this may have caused you. Your child's achievement is our main priority and I am sure you will support us with this.

Could you please ask your child to collect your refund **from the Finance Office at break or lunchtimes only from Monday 21 November 2016 onwards**. Please note that they will be asked to sign to acknowledge receipt of the refund.

Yours sincerely

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