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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are approaching a pivotal point in the Year 11's time at Ripley. Mock exams will start next week and soon after that students will be preparing for their formal GCSE examinations.

We were recently visited by Jamie Peacock MBE, who spoke to the students about how going that 'extra mile' can make a big impact. I think this resonated with many in the year group. They are getting focused with their revision and are also going that extra mile by attending catch up and revision sessions. This has been very pleasing to hear.

I have arranged for a Study Room to be available for Year 11. In timetable week 1, this will be from Tuesday to Friday, 3:05 to 4:30 and in week 2, Wednesday and Friday, 3:05 to 4:30. A member of staff will be supervising and students will be expected to bring independent study work. This is a great opportunity for students to have quiet space to focus on their revision and I hope many students will utilise this resource. Some days, staff training may mean this facility is not available, but students will be made aware of the venue and confirmed days available each week, via the school bulletin and Firefly.

On Tuesdays, Mrs Price will be running study skills support sessions at lunchtime and after school in F3. This is open to all pupils.

I would also like to remind you that the timetable outlining revision sessions is located on Firefly. To access Firefly students should visit the school website and select the link from the menu at the top. When accessing Firefly from home students will be requested to log in. They should use the same details as those used in school to log into a computer. To access the document students should select Resources/Subjects/Year 11, then Subject Support from the menu.

The letter for our Alton Towers trip has recently been sent out. It would be great to see as many students as possible involved. There are other opportunities coming up to enable students to celebrate together, but I will be reminding everyone that participation is based on our Passport to Privilege System, rewarding students for fantastic behaviour in school.

I wish all students good luck in their examinations. With thorough revision and preparation I am sure they will be successful.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Duckworth
Progress Leader Year 11

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