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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the Summer break, we feel it appropriate to write to you with some information which we hope you will find useful.

Year 11 Team responsibilities

Mr Moran and I are responsible for the day to day support of all of our Year 11 cohort, totalling 350 students. We come under the Support & Guidance network, which incorporates 15 staff including Vice Principals, careers leader and the medical & safeguarding teams. It is our collective duty to look after students' educational, emotional and physical welfare. We don't have any direct responsibility for iPads, financial transactions e.g. dinner money, lost property or replacement items such ID cards, lanyards and logbooks.

If students need to see one of us, they are asked to initially request our attention at the S&G office window, as due to the sensitive and confidential nature of the issues we deal with, our outside door has a key code on it. Students and staff are not allowed to just walk in off the corridor. There is a sign on the outer door with that instruction.

Students are welcome to visit the office and see us at the following times:

- >> 8.15-8.50am
- >> 11.10-11.25am (morning break)
- >> 12.25-1.15pm (lunch time)
- >> 2.15-2.30pm (afternoon break)

We do not generally see students during lesson time unless it is absolutely essential. This reduces the impact greatly on teaching and learning time. In extreme circumstances, this may have to be the case, but we would rather keep disruptions to lesson time to an absolute minimum. Students (and parents) can also contact us anytime via email on year11office@deferrers.com. If students are experiencing any bullying issues, we recommend that as well as reporting it directly to a member of staff, they use the email address help@deferrers.com

Mr Moran and I are out on duty around the Academy grounds every lunch time and students are more than welcome to approach us to discuss any issues they may have.

Additional Academic Support for Year 11.

We are currently finalising details of additional subject support in the form of Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs), Closing the Gap (CTG) and a substantial Exemption programme which will continue from September in a variety of subjects. Further details are available on the Academy website. Please note that ELOs may take place either at lunchtime or both pre and post Academy hours. Closing the Gap sessions and the Exemption programmes take place within the normal school day.

Year 11 Prom

The date of **Saturday 29th June, 2019** has been set aside for the Year 11 Prom. This is subject to availability of venue and costings of organising such an event.

Careers / Further Education advice

A reminder that we have a full-time, on-site careers leader based on Trent Campus. Mrs Land has vast experience in this field and students can make appointments with her as often as they feel that need to. Mrs Land offers an array of information on post 16 transition, including pathways into Sixth form, college, traineeships, apprenticeships and all aspects of the world of work.

National Citizen Service (NCS)

NCS are offering our students a variety of courses throughout Year 11. Please see separate document for details.

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