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Letter to Year 11 Parents – The Final Countdown to GCSE Success

Dear families,

As we enter the **Final Countdown** to the GCSE examinations, I want to thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. This period is important for our Year 11 students, and at The Dukeries Academy we are committed to helping every young person approach their exams with confidence.

Our focus is simple but powerful: **What will your child's GCSE results day be like—and what can we do together to make it a positive one?**

Over the coming months, we are delivering a comprehensive programme of support designed to maximise achievement and ensure every student feels well-prepared.

What We Are Putting in Place for Your Child

1. After-school Accelerate Sessions – Now Underway

We are delighted to share that **over 100 students attended Accelerate sessions in the first week alone**, demonstrating a growing determination across the year group. These sessions provide high-quality revision, personalised intervention, and additional teaching time in core subjects.

2. Mock Exams Starting on 9th February

Mock exams are a milestone that will help students experience real exam conditions, identify strengths, and pinpoint areas for targeted support. Please encourage your child to revise regularly and attend relevant support sessions in school. The Mock Exam Timetable is on our website here: <https://www.dukeries.attrust.org.uk/students/exams/>

3. Faculty 100-Day Countdown Plans

Each Faculty has created a detailed **100-day plan** outlining the key knowledge, skills, and exam techniques students need to secure success. These structured plans guide students through manageable steps and allow us to check individual progress.

4. Attendance and Prom

Attendance continues to be the main factor in achievement and readiness for exams. The 93% attendance requirement for a Prom invite has meant that many students are now working harder

than ever to secure their place at this special celebration.

Students can also earn **£10 Prom vouchers** by attending 10 Accelerate sessions—another positive motivator as they work towards their goals.

Next week, the Year 11 Team are also revealing a special Attendance challenge for Year 11, with *our biggest ever reward incentive on offer* – watch this space!

February Half-Term Revision Programme

To further support students, we are offering an extensive half-term revision timetable. These sessions are designed to strengthen subject knowledge and boost confidence in areas that need work.

Monday

- 9:00am – 11:00am → *Maths*
- 11:30am – 2:30pm → *Geography & French*

Tuesday

- 9:00am – 3:00pm → *Sports Studies*
- 12:00pm – 3:00pm → *Drama*

Wednesday

- 9:00am – 12:00pm → *Art, Photography & Hospitality*

Thursday

- 9:00am – 11:00am → *English*

Friday

- 9:00am – 12:00pm → *History*

We strongly encourage all students to attend the sessions relevant to their subjects. Each one provides valuable support, expert guidance, and targeted practice.

Working Together Towards a Positive Results Day

The coming months are a time for focus, determination, and belief. At school, we are fully committed to guiding your child during the final part of the year. At home, your support with attendance, revision routines, wellbeing, and encouragement makes a positive difference.



If you have any questions or feel your child may need additional help, please contact us—we are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Brett".

Mr M Brett

Principal

