



Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you this week as a very proud Head of Year. As we approach the end of this academic year, it provides an opportunity to reflect on how far our students have come.

I am so pleased to be able to say that we have seen our students rise to the academic challenges set before them. Over the last few weeks, teachers across various departments have commented on the increased focus, resilience and maturity in the classroom. Beyond their academic achievements, what has pleased me most is seeing our students become role models for the younger years in our school. As Year 11 leave and my students become the top of the school, they are setting a benchmark that others can proudly look up to.

We now approach the half-term break, our focus is firmly on supporting Year 10 students as they prepare for the vital year ahead. To ensure every student has the tools they need to succeed, we are introducing several key academic initiatives immediately after the holidays.

Please read the important updates below:

1. English, Maths and Science Tutor Time Intervention

Following reviews by teachers and Heads of Faculty, we have selected **100 students** to participate in a targeted, 5-week core subject intervention programme starting next half-term.

If your child has been selected, you will be contacted directly with the specific details of when and where they need to attend.

To ensure these sessions are highly effective, we require total cooperation from the students involved. They must strictly follow this routine:

- **Arrive to tutor time exactly on time.**
- **Drop their phones into their lockers immediately.**
- **Ask their form tutor to register them.**
- **Move quickly and directly to their intervention room.**

Please Note: Every minute counts. If any student is found wandering or delaying their arrival to these sessions, they will be immediately and permanently removed from the intervention list.

2. Resources for Completed Trial Exams

For subjects where students have already done a trial exam this year, teachers have carefully analysed the results to identify the biggest collective gaps in knowledge.

- Teachers have provided targeted resources specifically addressing these weak spots - please see separate letter (also on school website)



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- **Recommendation:** While these resources will be invaluable for independent revision over the coming months, **I strongly suggest students prioritise completing these ahead of starting Year 11** to ensure they enter their final year with no missing foundations.

3. Preparation for Upcoming Trial Exams

For subjects where trial exams are still to come, we have collated comprehensive topic and revision lists - please see separate letter (also on school website). Where appropriate, these lists reference specific digital resources available on Google Classroom. The next set of trial exams start on **18th June**.

- **Action:** Students should use these documents to guide and structure their independent revision over the next **four weeks**.

4. Expanded After-School Revision Support (Study Base)

We are also significantly boosting our after-school academic support. From next half-term, a dedicated **Year 10 Study Base** will run **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday every week, from 315-415 in the LRC**.

- **Who can attend?** All Year 10 students are welcome to use this space for quiet study. However, specific students have been formally nominated by their teachers as needing to attend. If your child has been selected, you will be contacted directly with the specific details of when they need to attend.
- **What is it?** This is a structured revision environment, **not a homework club**. Curated revision materials will be provided and students on our nomination lists must attend to complete these specific tasks.
- **Supervision:** To ensure a high-quality working environment, the Study Base will be fully staffed and supported by Senior Leaders and I will continue to run the Thursday session.

If you have any questions regarding this information please contact me- helena.connolly@hccs.info but for subject specific queries please contact the teachers directly.

Save the date: Year 10 Results evening 15th July 2026

As we head into the final stretch of the year, I want to thank you for your continued support and engagement and I hope you have a lovely half term break.

Kind regards,
Helena Connolly
Head of Year 10