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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of Term 1, I wanted to write a short message thanking Year 11 students and parents for the positive start that has been made along with some key information for the year ahead. Students are displaying excellent Attitude to Learning as well as many showing outstanding determination in their exam courses.

The Year 11 tutor team are immensely proud of the Year 10 GCSE exam results students achieved last summer and we continue to strive for our students to achieve the highest outcomes while developing their self-belief and resilience as an individual. We maintain our high expectations across all areas of College life and thank you for your support in us collectively achieving this.

If you are at all concerned about any aspect of your child's wellbeing we have information on our [website](#) that you might find useful, however, please do not hesitate to contact either their Tutor or Mr Crozier, Pastoral Manager (contact details at the end of this letter). This collaborative approach, working together will enable us to best support your child during their time at Heathfield Community College.

This year our attendance target remains at 96% and evidence shows us that students who have an attendance of 96% or greater on average gain almost one whole grade more than students in other schools. In contrast those with attendance less than 90% were almost one and a half grades lower. We are always happy to support students and their families with any issues relating to attendance and punctuality. Attending school every day and always being on time are essential in Year 11 as GCSE courses are completed and those vital post 16 references created and sent to the relevant colleges/sixth forms. Details on a student's attendance, punctuality and Attitude to Learning are always requested via a reference.

You will be aware that we send out our fortnightly Heathfield Headlines which gives a flavour of some of the incredible achievements of our students, the manner in which they get fully involved in the life of the College, links to important information and key dates for the diary. If you have missed any editions, they can be found by clicking [here](#).

As you will be aware we have already started the process of Year 11 students post 16 destinations, the launch of this being the Future Choices Evening on Thursday 4 October. It was great to see so many of you at this event last week. The presentation from the Future Choices evening can be found on the [Careers Information](#) page of the College website. I know that Year 11 are busy thinking about their plans for next year and many will be coming along to the Heathfield 6th Form Open Evening on Thursday 18 October. The outcomes achieved by our Sixth Form students last year showed an increase in A*- B pass rate and once again put us consistently in the top 25% of Colleges for student progress.

We would love to see a significant number of students and parents attending the 6th Form Open Evening to discuss how we may be able to support them in the next stage of their education. For further information about Sixth Form please click [here](#).

KEY DATES FOR YEAR 11 (more details of events will follow nearer the time):

Wednesday 17 October 2018	Year 11 Collapsed Curriculum Day (Sussex University or Plumpton College)
Thursday 18 October 2018	Sixth Form Opening Evening
Monday 19 November -Tuesday 27 November 2018	Year 11 Mocks 1
Friday 14 December 2018	Year 11 Mock Results Day
Thursday 10 January 2019	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Monday 4 March - Tuesday 12 March 2019	Year 11 Mocks 2
Thursday 28 March 2019	Year 11 Revision Evening
Monday 13 May 2019	GCSE Exams Begins
Friday 29 June 2019	Year 11 Prom
Thursday 11 July 2019	Honours Evening

As you can see students will be taking their GCSE exams in around seven months, so it is really encouraging that Year 11 have started the journey towards their futures in an extremely positive fashion. The Year 11 team really look forward to working positively and constructively with you this academic year and thank you for the support you have already given, it is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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