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Dear Parent/Carer,

To support you child, we are implementing several intervention strategies aimed at raising attainment in Year 11. We will be tailoring these interventions to your child's needs.

We will be implementing additional, compulsory lessons after school throughout Year 11. These will be only in the subjects most necessary for your son/daughter and will take place during "Period 6" from 3.10pm to 4pm. This programme will commence from Thursday 13th January. Your child's progress in each subject will continue to be reviewed and as a result their Period 6 may change to a different subject on a particular day based on their areas of need.

| Monday | Tuesday | Weds | Thursday | Friday |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------|---------------------------|---------|
| Computer Science/ iMedia | Maths | | Science | History |
| Food Science | Drama | | Health and Social Care | Spanish |
| RE | Media Studies | | Geography | French |
| English | Business | | Sport | |
| Textiles | Art | | Child development | |
| Design and Technology | | | | |

Students are expected to attend all lessons promptly and Period 6 is no different. The lessons are planned specifically for the individuals attending ensuring they continue to make progress throughout the year and are fully prepared for all exams.

During this term, we will be holding career meetings with all Year 11 students. Each student has a 30 minute, 1-1, face to face meeting with an independent and qualified careers advisor. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to ask questions, discuss their interests and college/sixth form and apprentice opportunities they may have already looked at. At the end of each meeting students will be given clear action points to go away with. Please remember that it is a legal requirement for all students to continue education, employment, or training when they leave City Academy. Following their Careers meeting we would expect all students to make their applications to at least one college or sixth form provider. Many students across the city have already done this and have received offers for September so please support your child in doing the same.



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Studies have shown the importance of retrieval practice and revision as excellent ways to store learning in a person's long-term memory, a skill crucial for future success. To aid students with this we have purchased a subscription to GCSE Pod for all students in Year 11. GCSE Pod is an online library of content and information in the subjects that your son/daughter studies. It will be used by teachers to set tasks and homework for students but should also be used by students as an independent revision tool. We will give each student a tutorial of how to use GCSE Pod and get the most from it. Please see more information for parents about how to use GCSE Pod here - <https://www.gcsepod.com/parent-resources/>

I hope you have found it useful to hear about some of the ways in which we are supporting Year 11 in this crucial stage of their education. Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Coleby
Assistant Headteacher