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Dear Parent/Carer

We are excited to inform you that during the week Monday 10 February to Friday 14 February, we are hosting our second Achieve week of the academic year for all year 10 students.

The Achieve weeks take place three times throughout the Academic year.:

WB 11.11.24

WB 10.02.25

WB 24.03.25

During these three weeks, students in year 10 will follow an alternative, achieve week timetable. This timetable will reflect their options subjects but still give them core lessons.

The Achieve weeks give students extended periods of time in each subject area. Some key stage 4 courses require extended periods to support students to achieve their potential. An example of this is BTEC subjects where students are required to complete formal assessments (PSAs) throughout the two-year course. In other courses, the extended periods of time allows staff to ensure depth of knowledge in specific, more challenging areas of the course or time to develop examination technique.

We have taken on board student feedback from the first Achieve week and during the second week we are:

- Increasing the number of practical sessions during the week
- Holding additional live trials to improve examination technique and preparation
- Allowing more time for formal assessments/coursework with increased staffing
- Allowing students to leave the academy following P3 on Friday 14 February

Students will receive an individualised timetable for the week on Monday 3 February. This will reflect the plan below:

- Tutor Time each day: Science
- Monday P1-3: Option block B
- Tuesday P1-3: Option block D
- Wednesday P1-3: Option block A
- Thursday P1-3: Mathematics and English
- Friday P1-3 Option block C
- P4 Mon-Thurs as usual

The attached booklet includes specifics on the work that students will be completing within the week.

Where students have formal assessments that count towards their final outcomes and grade, these subjects have been identified in the booklet.



It is imperative that all students attend every day throughout the week. Attendance will secure the best possible outcomes for every student and allow them to access all of the interventions provided. If you have any concerns with attendance for any specific day, please call the academy and ask to speak to a member of the year 10 team.

Throughout the week, staff will be sharing positives through Classcharts, so please keep your eye on the message function here and celebrate these positives with your child.

Yours sincerely

Mr B Woodhouse
Assistant Principal

