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Dear Parent /Carer,

***Parental support is eight times more important in determining a child's academic success than other factors.
Parental involvement in a child's education can mean the difference between an A* or a G grade at GCSE.
(Research by Times Educational Supplement)***

As you will have seen from the website or our Facebook page, 2016 was our most successful year at GCSE in recent years so we are looking forward to building on this success in 2017.

We have welcomed the students back from their summer break and now are focussed on supporting them to achieve the very best outcomes they are able to by the end of year 11. We have been working with them over the past 3 years and are now looking forward to working together on the new GCSE examination in 2017. As you may be aware the vast majority of the GCSE examinations that your child will be taking are the new 'linear' GCSE examinations. These have a different grading structure to the old 'modular' examinations in that they do not have A*-G grades, but 9-1.

Given the crucial role you play in your child's examination success, we are pleased to open the school to you on **Wednesday 21 September, between 6.00pm and 7.00pm**. This will allow you to meet with the tutors and key staff and learn about how you can best support your child to maximise their potential. If you are **unable** to attend please could you contact your child's tutor in order to arrange an alternative date to discuss your child's exam preparation. This informal evening will be held in the Richie Hall, where we will tell you more about the new linear GCSE examinations. We will have a selection of helpful revision resources and ideas for you to take away and use at home with your child, as well as meeting representatives of the student support and subject teams.

We know how difficult this time can be for children and we will support them as much as we can but we know that students who receive parental support are more likely to be successful in their examinations.

If you have any questions regarding the 'Welcome to KS4' evening, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Daniel Berry
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