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Dear Parent/ Carer

As we approach the summer holidays we would like to thank you for the support you have shown over the past year. We have seen some fantastic mock results for Year 10 and look forward to this continuing into the new academic year.

We would like to welcome to Cheoray Russell, a new addition to the Business Department. Mr Russell, Miss Sawney and I will continue to teach our Year 10 classes which will be moving into Year 11. As your child moves into Year 11, we would like to share with you further details of what they will be studying during the next academic year leading up to their final exams. In Year 11 we will be covering the following topics:

- Operations
- Finance
- Influences on Business
- The Independent Nature of Business

(The following hyperlink will take you to the OCR website which will give you further information regarding the content in each topic <u>GCSE (9-1) Business Specification J204</u>.)

In Year 11 there will be another mock (date TBC), as well as the opportunity to complete various assessments in class which will help the department track your child's continued progress and intervene where appropriate.

Students will be expected to continue to complete independent work. All students are encouraged to do this in timed conditions to ensure that they are working on their exam time management.

The course is supported by the following textbook - <u>OCR GCSE (9-1) Business, Fourth Edition by Alan Williams</u> <u>and Mike Schofield</u>- There is no expectation to purchase the course textbook as we have copies in the classrooms.

Ideas to support learning at home:

- Discuss relevant news stories
- Subscribe to BBC Business news app and read the headlines on a daily basis
- Talk about your jobs / businesses
- BBC Bitesize (make sure you choose OCR specification)
- <u>www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels</u>
- Watch business related TV shows together, suggestions include:

BBC: The Apprentice

BBC: Dragons Den

BBC: Inside the Factory

Channel 5: How do they do it?

We wish you a very restful summer and look forward to seeing you in the next academic year.

Yours sincerely

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