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6<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian

### Study Support for S5-6

A number of departments have, once again, indicated that they are prepared to offer tutorials for S5-6 candidates with a view to raising overall standards. The tutorials will take a variety of forms. They may involve working with past papers, revision of class work or workshops on particularly difficult elements of the course. In each case the aim will be to improve understanding, motivate the candidates and enable them to prepare thoroughly for examinations. This session classes will be available as follows.

- **Early Evening (3.45pm – 5.15pm)**
- **Mid Evening (7.00pm – 8.30pm)**

The days on which classes will run and the subjects on offer are illustrated below.

	<b>Mondays</b> 1,8,15,22 Mar 19 Apr	<b>Tuesdays</b> 2,9,16, 23 Mar 20 Apr	<b>Wednesdays</b> 3,10,17,24 Mar 21 Apr	<b>Thursdays</b> 4,11,18, 25 Mar 22 Apr	<b>Fridays</b> 5,12,19,26 Mar 23 Apr
Early Ev	<i>Block 1</i> <b>Bus Man H</b> <b>Prod Des H</b> <b>Biotech Int 2</b> <b>Admin H</b>	<i>Block 3</i> <b>Maths Int2</b> <b>Maths H</b> <b>Maths AdH</b>	<i>Block 5</i> <b>Physics H</b> <b>Computing H</b> <b>French H</b> <b>Spanish H</b>	<i>Block 7</i> <b>Chemistry</b> <b>English H</b>	<i>Block 9</i> <b>Art &amp; Des</b>
Late Ev	<i>Block 2</i>	<i>Block 4</i> <b>History H</b> <b>Graphics H</b>	<i>Block 6</i> <b>Biology H</b>	<i>Block 8</i> <b>Economics H</b>	

You should note that:

1. Your child may, in some cases, have had to choose which subject requires study support.
2. As a rule, each subject will offer **five** classes in a block over five weeks although there may be exceptions which will be communicated to the pupils through the teachers concerned.
3. Clashes with holidays and whole school events will be rescheduled in consultation with the pupils and teacher concerned.
4. Staff will have invited the pupils who they think will benefit from the series of lessons being delivered to attend.
5. **Pupils who are already achieving a very high standard in a particular subject are less likely to benefit and may not feel the need to attend.**

6. **Pupils who have a regular commitment to musical or sporting activities at these times will be expected to honour such commitments unless dispensation is sought.**
7. School uniform is not mandatory at evening classes.
8. Attendance will be monitored and you will be advised of unauthorised absences.
9. **Pupils will have selected supported study classes during the week beginning 22 Feb.**

In addition to the above arrangements:

- The *Music* department will offer a range of supported events in consultation with the candidates
- The *Geography* department will arrange two sessions with Higher candidates on dates yet to be determined during April and May.

I appreciate that there is a lot of information to assimilate and that for some pupils the schedule of supported classes could well be demanding. However, I can assure you that a great deal of time and effort goes in to preparing the lessons and that they have been very well received in previous years. **Please, therefore, try to encourage your child to honour the commitments they have made by attending all classes.**

It may be that appropriate selections have already been made but, I would be grateful if you could take time to liaise with your child regarding the suitability of their choices.

Please contact me, or the relevant head of department concerned, if you have any concerns over these arrangements

Yours sincerely



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