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Dear Parent

Year 11 - Progress & assessment, important dates

The new year is now in full swing and the current Year 11 will be the first cohort in the country to predominantly sit the all new GCSEs where grades are now numbers running from 1 to 9 (9 being the highest). These new GCSEs have much more content than the old courses and so it is imperative that our Year 11s are preparing properly from the very beginning of this year. To that end can I please draw your attention to the following important information:

Week beginning 11 September: Revision week for first assessment - students will be told what they are going to be tested on the following week for them to revise properly as homework

W/b 18 September: Assessment week - students will sit an exam style question from a past paper during lesson time

W/b 25 September : Review week - students will go through their result with feedback from the teacher on how to improve. Students who have performed significantly below target will re-sit the assessment at the end of the Academy day

Thursday 28 September: Parent/Form Tutor evening – an opportunity to meet your son/daughter's form tutor and discuss the recent assessment and how they have started the year. A short report will also be handed out on the night. Please make appointments at https://kingswoodsecondaryacademy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/v2/; the log-in process remains the same as last year, i.e. you will need to enter your son/daughter's first and last name and their tutor group. A link will be appearing on our new website shortly.

Tuesday 17 October: Year 11 Parent information evening – key information provided including key dates in Year 11, subject specific guidance, how we will be supporting your child, how you can support your child, overview of the Sixth Form application process.

The Year 11s have been made aware of these developments during assembly, but please do support them in their preparation, particularly the revision preparation at home. Mrs Bonner, the Head of Year 11, and the Senior Leadership Team, will also be available on the Parent/Tutor evening should you have any questions you wish to ask us.

Yours sincerely

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