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Dear Parent/ Carer

Firstly, I wanted to say thank you to both you as parents and carers and to your wonderful children. The last two terms have been like no other and you children have shown tremendous resilience and a wonderful will to work hard and keep smiling throughout. We are so proud of them and their maturity during the recent PPE exams and consistently in lessons.

We do understand there is still a huge amount of pressure on the students as the national news brings stories of moved exams, changes to content and grade boundaries, I am sure they are all feeling very unsure of what the exam season may bring.

We are also aware that despite all of these Government announcements, it still remains the case that as Year 11 students they have missed core curriculum time. We want to ensure that we do all we can to allow students to catch up on as much as possible to ensure their grades reflect their hard work. To that end we are planning a wide range of interventions which will start for your child in January.

All students will be given subject specific intervention during their normal form time. Therefore, we are changing the start time for Year 11 students to allow adequate time for this. As of 5 January all Year 11 students will be required to be at the Academy for 8.30am ready to start school at 8.35am. Students will now need to enter at the top main gate and exit via the sports gate.

We will also be providing students with as much lesson time as possible to study Mathematics and English. This means students will now be given extra time to complete Maths and English work instead of attending practical PE lessons. Students therefore no longer need to wear PE kit to school and full uniform is required every day. Students who also do not study Sport Science will be given extra lessons/ tutoring in Maths or English where needed.

We will also be offering students a range of after school support lessons run by both tutors and teachers. Also, please remind students that the library is open after school for independent study.

It is so important that students accept and engage in all support and interventions offered to them and we appreciate your full support moving forward. We want our Year 11 students to be successful in their exams and this year, more than any other, we need our students to take every opportunity they can!

From everyone here at Stanground we wish you a safe and peaceful Christmas holiday.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Hedges
Senior Deputy Principal