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Dear Parent/Carer,

## <u>Year 11 Parents Evening – Additional Meeting for Pupil Premium Students</u> <u>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014: 6pm - 6.30pm</u>

You will already have received a letter inviting you to the Parents Evening on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014. You are invited to an additional meeting regarding the progress of your child towards their GCSE target grades in the summer of 2015.

As part of the government Pupil premium policy additional funding is provided to schools to ensure those students who are targeted reach their full potential. Your child has been identified as being two or more grades below their target in English and Maths and therefore interventions must be put in place so rapid progress can be achieved and sustained in Year 11.

The necessity of this is not only relevant to those students whose target is to achieve 5A\* to C but also those who are aiming for the A\* and A grades. Competition between students for places at Russell Group Universities is intense and GCSE grades are used as a guide to the potential of applicants. It therefore is crucial that your child's potential is clear for all to see. Those students whose target is 5A\* to C must be clear that the failure to obtain these grades limits options significantly in regards post 16 education.

The meeting will discuss the support the school will offer from now until the exam period. The GCSE Mock examinations will take place in November so it is vital that parents are informed about how best to work with the school in supporting your child's attainment.

Lack of progress at this stage is very concerning and attendance at both parents evening and this meeting are vital to ensure the necessary next steps are made.

The meeting will take place in F013 from 6pm to 6.30pm. Your child has been instructed to make appointments with teachers around these timings.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr O'Donoghue Assistant Headteacher - Key Stage 4