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Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to begin by saying how amazing it has been to see how hard our Year 10 students have worked during their end of year examinations; we are very proud of them.

As you may already know, we have run a period six lesson each day, for the past three years, to help and support our Year 11 students. This additional lesson has worked extremely well, resulting in our students achieving higher GCSE grades. Our teachers have agreed to continue to teach these extra lessons, as they believe that they will help the children to achieve their very best. We are so blessed to have staff willing to support our students in this way.

Period 6 will run from 15:05 – 16:00, Monday to Friday, starting on Monday 4 September for the remainder of the GCSE course. This will allow at least one additional lesson per subject per fortnight, which will greatly increase the prospect of students achieving the grades they deserve.

We understand that there will be differing views on this subject, and we are highly conscious that students are under a tremendous amount of pressure. However, we never want to look back and think, 'we could have done more to support them'. We know from experience that the introduction of period 6 lessons helps our students to spread out their workload and does significantly reduce the pressure that they will face later on in Year 11.

If you do have any questions or concerns regarding this additional lesson, then please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are incredibly grateful for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

Solomon Berhane Headteacher

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Sophie Thomas Deputy Headteacher

Pay attention to what you are taught, and you will be successful; trust in the Lord and you will be happy. Proverbs 16:20

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