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HEADTEACHER: Mrs R Skelton

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the midpoint of this crucial exam period, I wanted to take a moment to express how incredibly proud I am of our Year 11 students. Over the last two weeks, they have made a fantastic start to their GCSE examinations. Their focus, resilience, and maturity in the exam hall have been exemplary. They are doing themselves, and all of us at The Gainsborough Academy, incredibly proud.

To ensure this brilliant momentum continues, we have put a comprehensive support structure in place for the coming weeks. Please review the key information below regarding upcoming sessions and attendance expectations.

To give our students the best possible advantage, we are running targeted support sessions outside of standard school hours:

- **In-School Half-Term Boosters:** We will be hosting targeted booster sessions during the upcoming half-term break. If your child has been selected to attend, you will receive a separate, personalised letter inviting them. Please ensure they attend if invited.
- **Online Evening Sessions:** For specific subjects, teachers will be running online revision sessions on the evening before the exam. Students will receive the log-in details and information for these sessions directly from their subject teachers.

Every week, all students are being issued a personalised weekly timetable. This document clearly highlights exactly when their exams are, alongside their scheduled booster sessions.

- Please note that students are expected to attend school every single day, even on days when they do not have an official exam scheduled.
- **Why this matters:** The sessions on non-exam days have been carefully structured by our teaching staff to deliver vital, last-minute information, exam techniques, and key content for upcoming papers. Missing these sessions could put your child at a disadvantage.
- Should students not attend school their invite to prom will be at risk

Given the critical nature of these final weeks, we are maintaining a strict policy regarding attendance:

- Any absence during this period will be marked as unauthorised unless official medical or professional evidence is provided (for example, an appointment slip or letter).
- If your child is unwell, please contact the school immediately on the morning of the absence.

We have also received questions regarding the final days of the school year. Once your child has completed their very last exam, they will no longer be expected to attend school. We will send out a separate letter in due course outlining the exact arrangements and final celebration plans.

Thank you for your continued, unwavering support during this time. By working together and maintaining these high standards of attendance and effort, we can ensure your child achieves the results their hard work deserves.

If you have any immediate questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 11 team.

Yours sincerely,

Rachael Skelton
Headteacher

