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Dear Parents/Guardians

To support our Year 11's further and develop their learning beyond the classroom we are launching our Extra Support Programme (ESP).

ESPs are after school sessions run by subject staff for each subject in order to give students additional support, guidance and focus to help them prepare for their GCSE examinations. The aim is to provide students with an opportunity to speak to staff and work with them to provide the best opportunity possible to prepare for their exams this summer. There will be ESPs for each subject throughout the year and we have planned them so that they compliment what the students need most at the time. For example, subjects that have NEAs will have clusters of weekly ESPs in a half term to support their deadlines but other subjects who are exam based will have them nearer key assessment points. Our Core subjects will have ESPs running throughout each term.

Some key points about ESPs:

- We strongly recommend that students attend all their sessions to support their studies. Historically the students who have engaged with the programme have benefited greatly from it and have performed better in their final exams
- ESPs start by 3.15pm. We suggest students bring a snack and a drink that they can have before the session starts.
- ESPs will finish by 4.15pm at the latest but most departments will run short, focused sessions that will not take the entire hour.
- Students **cannot** go to a different subject instead of their timetabled ESP if there is an ESP in one of their subjects on that night.
- If an ESP is not running or it is 'invite only' we recommend that students do some independent study for that subject on that night. Often this will be guided by their class teacher as to what to do and subject areas will offer a drop in room where students can arrange to call in to see a subject specialist who can help them.
- Class teachers will be able to advise students on which room to go to. Usually it is their normal classroom for that subject.
- Where a subject does not have an ESP running it may be because they feature later in the term when a topic or skills need to be covered. All subject areas will offer ESP support at some point.

Students and parents will be sent an ESP timetable in advance for the coming half term which will outline the focus of ESPs in each subject; these will change throughout each term.

ESPs will start in the week commencing Monday 25 September.

If you have any questions about the ESPs please contact your child's tutor or subject teacher to see if they can help you. If not, then either Mrs Fearon, Year 11 DOPA or myself.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs A Warner**  
Assistant Headteacher

