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ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Last night we held our Year 11 Achievement Evening which gave parents the opportunity to discuss their child's progress and next steps in preparation for their GCSE exams this year. We were very happy with the engagement from our Year 11 parents which shows how invested they are in their children's education. We strongly believe that by continuing to work in partnership our students will succeed in achieving their full potential in the summer exam season.

We are very keen to continue to support our Year 11 students with their revision before the next round of mock exams at the end of January. For this reason, on **Thursday 14th December**, we will be holding a **Revision Skills Evening for** Year 11 parents and students. Further details will follow next week.

As per my previous email, one of our priorities this half term is Key Stage assessments. Parents of students in Yr 7, Yr 8 and Yr 9 have now received the revision list of key topics and revision materials to support students. This week during Crew time, we have delivered a presentation on the importance of assessment and how, as teachers, we use this information to support students' learning. If you would like to see this presentation, please click on the link below.

<https://youtu.be/Kztkd8VEzlc>

In assemblies this week, students have learnt about substance misuse; focusing on vaping, nitrous oxide, snus, and chroming. These four substances have been the foci of our assemblies due to ongoing global glamorisation via social media platforms which use marketing strategies aimed at young people. In the assemblies, Mrs Dixon explained where the substance originated, the relevant legislation and law as well as the known effects of using them. We have also shared and signposted where young people can get help for themselves or people they care about by accessing the Talk to Frank website or emailing the school help email address.

Following the assemblies this week a Vape Amnesty Bin will be near the main gates of the academy from Monday 27th November until Friday 1st December. No questions will be asked of any who wish to use the service, it is solely to support our student community to tackle the growing amount of young people vaping.

Key Events for Half Term 2

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| • 30 th November | Year 13 Achievement Evening |
| • 6 th & 7 th December | Christmas Concert |
| • Christmas holidays | 15 th December till 8 th January |
| • Students return to school | 9 th January |

I hope your children have enjoyed their week at school. We look forward to meeting our Year 13 parents/carers this coming Thursday for the Year 13 Achievement Evening. This event will give you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and the next steps in preparation for their A-Level exams this year.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Inma Peña', written in a cursive style.

Inma Peña
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