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Parental support is eight times more important in determining a child's academic success than other factors. Parental involvement in a child's education can mean the difference between an A* or a G grade at GCSE. (Research by Times Educational Supplement)

Dear Parent or Carer

We are now in the last few weeks before the Year 11 students sit their final exams. We have been working with them over the past 5 years and are now looking forward to celebrating with them when they receive their GCSE results on Thursday 20 August 2015.

Given the crucial role you play in your child's examination success, we are pleased to open the school to you on **Thursday 23 April, between 6.00pm and 7.00pm**, to allow you to meet with the key subject leaders and quiz them about how you can best support your child to maximise their potential. If you are **unable** to attend please could you contact your child's tutor in order to arrange an alternative date to discuss your child's exam preparation. This informal evening will be held in the PA area, and we will have a selection of helpful revision resources and materials for you to take away and use at home with your child. We will also give you a really useful booklet entitled "GCSE's. What can a parent do?" which is full of great tips and hints to help prepare your child for their GCSE examinations.

As I hope you are aware, we have been offering revision sessions after school and during lunchtime from the start of the year, and we are looking forward to the upcoming Easter revision sessions.

To help motivate your children we would like to ask you to write a letter to your child, telling them how proud you are of them now and how pleased you will be when they are successful in their GCSEs. You may wish to challenge them to attend revision sessions and offer a reward for being successful. It does not need to be a huge number of words, nor does it need to be particularly poetic. It just needs to be honest and appropriate for your child.

We know how difficult this time can be for children and we will support them as much as we can but we know that students who receive parental support are more likely to be successful in their examinations.

Please use the paper included with this letter and, when you have finished your letter, place your note into the envelope, seal the envelope, adding your child's name clearly, and return this to their tutor. Your child will open your letter in a special lesson after the Easter holiday and, we hope, that this will give your child the final inspiration and motivation for their exams.

If you have any questions regarding writing your letter or the exam preparation evening, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

Yours sincerely
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