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Dear parents & carers,

Year 11 Update – September 2025

Our year 11 students have had a purposeful and productive start to their final year at HCC. Last week, their assembly focused on aspiration and introduced them to their timeline for the year. They will now receive a programme of assemblies from a range of post-16 providers. These are designed to give all students the information they need to make the right decision for them over the next few months. Their careers education programme at HCC, including independent careers, information, advice & guidance from a level 6 trained advisor will further support this process.

The first key event for year 11 will be the mock exams immediately after the October half-term holiday and will run from Monday 3rd until Friday 14th November. Already this term, year 11 students are receiving additional support through:

- **Study skills sessions** each Thursday as part of their tutor programme.
- **Period 6 intervention sessions** where each student is receiving additional teaching time in English, mathematics or science instead of their regular tutor time programme.
- Year 11 subject teachers are already making explicit **time in their lessons for students to revise** and revisit core knowledge and content.

The period 6 intervention sessions mentioned above are an adaptation to our tutor programme for year 11. These sessions are currently taking place on a Tuesday and Wednesday and mean that every single year 11 student has an additional 1 hour of contact time per week with one of our English, Mathematics or Science teachers. The allocation of groups for this initial period of intervention is based on the mock exams and final set of reports from year 10. Following the November mocks, these intervention groups will be tweaked again so that students can benefit from another core subject. All this additional intervention is designed to help students attain at least a grade 4 in these core

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subjects. A similar approach last year saw the college increase its % of students achieving a grade 9-4 in English and mathematics by over 13% and the % achieving a grade 9-5 in English and mathematics by over 16% compared to the previous year.

If you have any questions or queries about supporting your children during this important year, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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