



February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

I thought it was appropriate to reflect on my time in post and provide some specific feedback to Year 11 parents. I am confident that staff are doing their utmost to ensure that the boys are well prepared for their GCSE exams. I am pleased with our Raising Achievement plans and the timelines that departments are working to. Hopefully by now you have been able to access the Year 11 hub and the resources there for the boys to ensure their revision and preparation is purposeful.

You may well hear of changes that are being implemented in school over the coming months. I have decided that Year 11 will be, on the most part, protected from these changes. It is best that for Year 11 it is 'business as usual' and they can focus purely on their examination preparation. I do however require all of our boys to maintain their focus and positive attitude. We cannot allow negative behaviour to prevent their success or the success of their peers. To this end we have introduced a monitoring process for student behaviour and attitude to learning. Staff will record negative behaviour in the usual way and each referral has been given a numerical value.

The boys will accrue:

- 1 point for a 'flag' which indicates behaviour that disrupts learning
- 2 points if a 'department sanction' is issued for a lack of work, poor behaviour and/or continued disruption.
- 3 points if a teacher escalates the behaviour to a Head of House referral or detention.

From a starting point of Monday 4th February if one of our boys accumulate 10 behaviour points parents will be informed by letter and/or a text. If behaviour points continue to be lost then parents will be invited in for a meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership team. This tighter monitoring of behaviour referrals should reinforce the focus of our Year 11 and ensure that your son can make the most of his remaining lessons. When our Year 11 boys return from half term their behaviour points will reset.

There are 45 school days remaining until the start of the summer examination season. There are also an additional 35 days when we take in to account weekends and holiday. By working together, we can make the most of these days. I would hope for instance that all of our boys would by now have a revision plan, at least for the forthcoming pre-public examinations. I enclose a letter from Mr Butcher regarding these exams, along with an exam

timetable and a blank revision calendar. The better our boys are prepared for these examinations the more purposeful the feedback is, the further along in their revision they are and the more confidence they carry forward.

There have also been some key changes to the support available to ensure we have a successful run up to the examinations:

- Various lunchtime sessions offered by staff
- Creation of a social zone for Year 11 in the Lecture Theatre at lunchtimes
- Break and lunch subject support from staff
- Period 6 interventions (timetables are on the hub)
- Planned Easter holiday revision sessions.
- Year 11 Hub; where all resources can be easily accessed
- Next round of PPEs

These methods have proven to be successful at KNBS and in other settings, however if you feel you need any further guidance please feel free to contact us via enquiry@knbs.co.uk

I wish you and your family a restful and safe half term.

Yours faithfully



Mr Clayton
Headteacher