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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well and keeping safe. I am Miss Smith, Head of Year 10 and I will be the Head of Year for your children throughout the "GCSE years". I apologise that it has taken me a few weeks to get round to writing this letter which replaces the "Into Key Stage 4" evening which was scheduled for last half-term but couldn't happen due to COVID restrictions.

Now that the Interim Report 1 has been issued a few queries have been raised. The target grade is for the end of Year 11 and it is generated from Key Stage 2 results, if your child did not sit these then it is from prior attainment during their time at Urmston Grammar. As mentioned in the letter with the Interim 1 Report for some student they will be challenging whilst for others, if they are lower than expected, then we are celebrating the progress they have made and encourage them to build on that progress.

The next Interim Report is due in February but there will be some students who I will intervene with and I will be in contact with those parents in the near future.

Please find a timeline of events for the coming two years on the back of this letter.

Further to this I am in the process of visiting all the Year 10 forms in enrichment time to deliver, what would have been my group assembly, to talk to them about organisation, revision, target grades and the time line of events throughout Years 10 and 11. I have stressed to them the importance of keeping their work organised for each subject, having a place to do their work and making time each evening (between one and 2 hours) to do some school work, whether they have homework or not.

There will be a couple resources going on Parent Pay, both by Tim Foot which I have used as a resource for revision materials used in PSE that have found very useful, should you wish to purchase them:

- Revision Cracked this one is for students
- GCSE Revision: How Can Parents Help! which is obviously for parents.

I have had some communication with some of you already and I am here to support both you and your children through the next two years, with the help of my colleagues, of course.

Kind regards

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November 2020 Interim 1

February 2021 Interim 2 (subject mentoring)

March 2021 Parents Evening

April/May 2021 Year 10 exams and results

June 2021 Reports

Personal statement

Mentoring Day - Pupils in need of additional support in Year

11 will be identified

September

2021

Revision support begins for

identified pupils

November 2021 Sixth Form Open Evening

Year 11 Mock Exams

December 2021 Pupils needing to complete ReMocks will be identified

Estimates issued

January 2022 Parents Evening

UG Sixth Form Applications deadline

February 2022 ReMocks will take place

March 2022 ReMocks results sent home and pupils needing to use LRC

will be identified

Final estimates issued

May 2022 GCSE examinations begin