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4th October 2017

To the Parent/Guardian of:

With the first weeks of Year 11 successfully negotiated, the GCSE examinations are fast approaching. There are many key challenges ahead for pupils and it is essential that they are focused on achieving success. As a school, we are totally committed to ensuring that every pupil in Year 11 achieves their potential and are eager to ensure that all our students are fully equipped for the journey ahead.

With this in mind, we are keen to interview every Year 11 student with their parents to discuss their current progress, expectations for the year ahead and future options. The meetings will be with either a member of the Senior Leadership Team or the Head of Year and will take place on Tuesday 17th October, Wednesday 18th October or Thursday 19th October, between 3.15pm and 6.00pm (meeting duration 15 minutes). If your allocated date/time slot is not convenient, please let us know and we can re-arrange.

During the last two years we have implemented a number of key strategies to raise attainment in Key Stage 4. The success of these initiatives is evident in the recent examination success. 100% of students gained at least 5 GCSE grades at A*-C with 64% of students also achieving the 'gold standard' of 5 or more GCSE grades at A*-C including English and Maths. We are extremely proud of this achievement.

We are confident that we can continue this improvement trend and believe that the current Year 11 cohort have the ability to achieve even better examination results.

The number of pupils opting to return to Year 12 is extremely high, with approximately 132 students choosing Bryntirion for their post-16 education. This is testimony to the quality experiences they enjoyed in Years 7-11 and the excellent relationships within the school.

We would be grateful if you could complete the attached slip and return to your child's form teacher by Monday 9th October 2017. If you would like any further information, or have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Nick Brain
Headteacher



Key Dates

Maths GCSE Examinations (for selected pupils)	Higher/Intermediate/Foundation Level 6 th November 2017 - Maths Numeracy Unit 1 8 th November 2017 - Maths Numeracy Unit 2 10 th November 2017 - Maths Unit 1 13 th November 2017 - Maths Unit 2
English Language GCSE Examinations (for selected pupils)	7 th November 2017 – English Language Unit 2 9 th November 2017 – English Language Unit 3
Year 11 Mock Examinations	8 th December – 15 th December 2017
Year 11 Parents Evening	30 th November 2017
English Literature GCSE Examinations (for selected pupils)	9 th January 2018 – English Literature
Applied Business GCSE Examination (for selected pupils)	10 th January 2018 - Applied Business Unit 2
Believe & Achieve Meeting	11 th February 2018
Options Evening	15 th February 2018
Second Meeting Parents and Senior Leadership Team	19 th , 20 th & 21 st March 2018
Summer Examinations	8 th May – 21 st June 2018

Student Name:

Your allocated time for the Year 11 progress meeting is **3.15pm on Tuesday, 17th October 2017** with **Mr J Beard (Assistant Headteacher)**.

(Please remember each parent has been allocated a 15 minute time slot).

Please complete the slip below and return to your child's form tutor.

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Student Name:

I ***will/will not** be attending the meeting to discuss the progress of my son/daughter on Tuesday, 17th October 2017 at 3.15pm with Mr J Beard (Assistant Headteacher).

*delete as appropriate

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

