



17 September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your family are safe and well. As associate assistant head teacher for raising outcomes in Year 11, I will work incredibly hard alongside the already dedicated team here at BBEC to ensure that students achieve the very best results this academic year.

Students in Year 11 have returned to school looking smart and ready to work which augurs well for the coming year as we strive for improvements and even greater success for our students, your children.

Period 7:

As Year 11 approach the end of a very important second phase of their education, we will provide excellent preparation for GCSE and BTEC exams; we will ensure controlled assessment and coursework is at their target grade or higher and support students to achieve the very best outcomes.

A key element of that support will be compulsory **period 7 sessions twice per week** to focus specifically on exam skills and preparation and also revision. Initially period 7s will be English and maths, but will include other subjects as the year progresses. **These will run on Tuesday and Thursday from 3pm until 3:50pm every week.** Please note that period 7 for maths will start on Tuesday 21st September 2021, and English will start the following week; the first English period 7 will be on Thursday 30th September 2021.

High expectations:

All students at BBEC are expected to give 100% every day, complete their homework and prepare diligently for their exams; this is even more important in Year 11. We will support and encourage all our students throughout the challenges of Year 11 to achieve the very best outcomes.

Attendance, exams and controlled assessment:

It is more important than ever in Year 11 that every child has fantastic attendance. Regular absence from school can affect outcomes by at least a grade. Holidays must not be taken during school time and before the 4th July (to ensure that external examinations are not affected). Controlled assessments, which can contribute up to 60% of a final grade, happen all year round - not just at the end of the year. It is also worth noting that many BTEC courses have examinations at points throughout the year.

Please do not affect your child's chance of success by causing them to miss school.

Mock Exams:

As we start Year 11 it is important that we gather as much information as possible to support your child's learning and progress throughout the year. We will be running Year 11 mock examinations across subjects on the content areas delivered so far this year and in Year 10. This will give students the invaluable experience of sitting GCSE style examinations and will support them in identifying and closing knowledge gaps to make progress throughout the year.

The mock examinations will take place in the first two weeks after half-term, starting on 1 November. The mock exams are crucial as they give teachers the information they need to support their learning and progress moving forward.

We look forward to your support this year and thank you in advance for this. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries about achievement.

Yours sincerely

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RESILIENCE



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