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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Year 11 Ace Your Exams Seminar - 16 January 2017

We have arranged for all of our Year 11 students to attend an 'Elevate' seminar here at school on the 16 January 2017. With only one full term left until Easter and by which time all of our students will have completed their studies, there will be great challenges ahead as the students approach their GCSE exams in May 2017.

In order to give Year 11 the best opportunity to build on the experience of the mocks and to implement strategies to maximise their chance of success in the summer, this seminar outlines the critical exam skills that will allow them to excel in the exam room, whilst demonstrating that exams are not just about the exam room. The preparation is where the marks are.

### Skills which are covered include:-

**Effective Work.** Students are introduced to the most effective types of work they can do in preparation for exams. They will leave the seminar with an understanding of precisely what work they should be doing and when.

**Fixing Mistakes.** The students will be given valued information to identify exactly what they may have been doing wrong on mock exams and practice papers to ensure these mistakes are not made in the exam room.

**Allocation of Time.** Students will be taken through a step-by-step process to ensure preparation is completed weeks in advance.

**Exam Room Techniques.** This includes stress-management, planning, time allocation and how to tailor a concise focused answer.

Elevate Education has received very positive testimonials from many local and national schools due to its unique selling points. Firstly, it uses young and charismatic presenters who, through their energy and recent experience of studying (all presenters are graduates) make the topic much more relatable to students. Furthermore, the company bases its seminars on research into the demands of GCSE and other level courses and targets its content accordingly.

As part of the package, Elevate is also offering a free talk to parents on the evening of the 16 January 2017 the same day as the seminar at 5.00 p.m. This talk will last for approximately one hour and cover the key messages conveyed to students in their presentation, as well as how parents and carers can support them in their studies.

The cost of the seminar, along with the follow-up materials, is £8 per student. **If possible please make your payment through the Parentpay system, no later than Wednesday 11 January 2017 and return your reply slip to confirm if you will be able to attend on the evening**



It is not possible to cover these costs from school funds so we ask parents of children attending to volunteer the amount of £8 in order that the seminar can take place. The inability of a parent to make this payment should not preclude their child from taking part, if the seminar proceeds. Please contact Mrs Whitehouse in the Finance Office (Tel: 01789 761936) in confidence at school if this is the case and she will do her very best to assist you.

I do hope that you will be able to attend. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Boote Powell,  
Assistant Headteacher

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**Year 11 Ace Your Exams Seminar Date 16 January 2017**

Please return your payment to: **MRS WHITEHOUSE FINANCE OFFICE (Room 10) no later than 11 January 2017**

Name.....Form.....Date.....

Please find enclosed Cash/Cheque £8

**OR** I have paid via Parentpay

We/I confirm we will be able to attend the free parent talk on Monday 16 January 2017  
From 5-6 p.m

Signed.....PRINT.....