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Dear Parents/Carers,

Changes to Year 11 Tutor Time – Supporting Exam Success

I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the final and most important months of your child's secondary education, we are constantly looking at ways to maximise their learning and ensure they feel fully prepared for their upcoming GCSE exams.

To provide additional academic support, we will be making a change **to morning tutor time** for Year 11 students. Instead of attending their usual tutor group, students will now spend this time with a subject specialist in a key GCSE subject. This change will take effect from **Monday 17th March** and will continue until the exam period.

Why Are We Making This Change?

This decision has been made to give students more focused support in the lead-up to their exams. The extra time with subject teachers will allow them to:

- Strengthen subject knowledge in areas they find challenging.
- Revisit key topics and develop their exam technique.
- Receive tailored support based on their specific learning needs.
- Build confidence in preparation for their exams.

By making use of every available minute in the school day, we are ensuring that all students have the best possible chance to succeed.

What This Means for Your Child

- Each student will be assigned to a subject session based on their individual needs.
- Tutorial sessions will be led by subject leaders, focusing on high-impact revision strategies.
- Attendance is compulsory, just like normal tutor time.

We understand that change can sometimes feel unsettling, but we truly believe this new approach will provide a valuable boost to students' progress, confidence, and exam success. We will be notifying students of their new morning timetable shortly. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>Harry.withers@clf.uk</u>

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help your child achieve their full potential.

Yours sincerely,

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