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Dear Parent/Carer

Y11 Mathematics, English and science revision evening Monday 6 November 6.00-6.45pm

As you may have seen this summer, Outwood Academy Bydales students achieved, for the third year in a row, the best ever results in the school's history. 85% of students achieved the new 9-4 (old A* - C) grades in both English and maths. A fantastic 75% achieving the new 9-5 (old A*-B) grades in both English and maths, which was the highest figure in the North East of England. In terms of both Progress from primary school, and Attainment, students were second in the North East too, out of 149 secondary schools.

These outcomes did not come easily, and we had a huge buy in from students and were also helped a great deal by parents who coached students to achieve these outstanding results by supporting them at home. This year we are hoping to have the same fantastic response from students and the help from parents at home, particularly given Year 11 once again sat GCSE exams in Year 10, and therefore will hopefully have been motivated to work hard this year too from that experience.

To help this, we would like to invite you to a joint maths, English and science revision evening within school on Monday 6 November at 6pm. The evening will consist of a presentation on the work your son/daughter will be doing within lessons in the approach to their summer exams in 2018 and what tasks will be expected to be completed at home. Mr Upex, Miss Conroy and Mrs Chiverton will discuss the type of activities students will be expected to complete at home and talk about the ways in which we can support students to strengthen their understanding. This will include a brief demonstration on how to use our new Hegarty Maths approach from Mr Upex to help students with maths revision at home. After the meeting there will be a chance to speak to staff to answer any questions that you have in regards to the GCSE subjects.

We are also issuing an extensive 'Revision Bag' of materials, revision guides and so on to support and give to students and really want the opportunity to explain this to you. There will be refreshments served at the evening in terms of drinks and pastries, hoping that will persuade you further to come along!

Your support as always is greatly appreciated and we look forward to meeting you.

Yours faithfully



Paul Upex
Head of mathematics



Lynne Conroy
Head of English



Alison Chiverton
Head of Science



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