

September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Y11 'Learning at Heanor Gate' evening - *Wednesday 14 September 2016 - Main School Hall, 7-7:45pm*

It is with great pleasure that I write to you, welcoming your son/daughter into Year 11. They have an extremely important year ahead and we would like to ensure that you are fully aware of everything available here at Heanor Gate to support them.

Following the success of the GCSE results this year we are anticipating another extremely successful year academically. I am extremely excited to join the team moving forward and I look forward to meeting you all.

As I am sure you are aware the necessary commitment, organisation and motivation to succeed is challenging for all students during Year 11. With the government's educational reform, GCSE courses have never been as demanding. It is therefore crucial that all parents and students have a full overview of the year with recommendations and advice. I would welcome you to join me and the Year 11 team this coming Wednesday, 14 September, for a short overview of what is in store for our young people over the year/s ahead. As a brief overview of the evening we will cover:

- HGSC vision
- Overview of Achievement team support/contact details
- Time line and overview of the year
- Expectations of HGSC, the students and the parents/carers
- Making informed and responsible choices
- Year 11 enrichment opportunities
- Post 16 decisions
- 'Show My Homework' - the school's new interactive study planner

I appreciate we are only very early on in the academic year, but the collaboration between school and home has never been more important. By working in partnership, your children can be supported to achieve their absolute potential. If you have any queries or concerns over the evening then please contact your son/daughter's personal tutor.

I look forward to meeting you next week.

Yours sincerely



Miss G Tyers
Year 11 Achievement Leader