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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 11 GCSE Examination Preparation - Dr van der Spoel – Wednesday 4 November 2026

On Wednesday 4 November 2026, we will be holding a Year 11 Examination Preparation Day for all Year 11 students.

We are delighted to welcome Dr Martijn van der Spoel back to the academy to support our students as they prepare for their forthcoming mock examinations and summer GCSE examinations. His return follows the overwhelmingly positive feedback received from parents after his presentation last year.

During the day, all students will take part in a workshop lasting a minimum of 1 hour 40 minutes, focusing on effective revision techniques, examination strategies and practical approaches to exam preparation.

Dr van der Spoel is the founder of Glia Learning, an organisation dedicated to helping individuals become more effective learners for life. Originally from the Netherlands, he is a cognitive scientist who has worked in UK schools for more than 15 years as both a classroom teacher and behaviour specialist.

His workshops are engaging, highly practical and designed to equip students with the knowledge and strategies needed to maximise their academic potential and approach examinations with confidence. We are pleased to be welcoming Dr van der Spoel back to the academy and are confident that students will find the workshop both informative and valuable as they continue their preparations for GCSE success.

Yours sincerely



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