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Dear Parents

## **Academic Assessment Interviews Autumn 2016**

Every boy in Year 11 will have a short interview with a senior member of staff before the end of this Autumn Half Term. The intention of the interview is to gauge your son's current progress with his studies, to look ahead to the Prelim Examinations at the end of November and also to briefly discuss his future plans for post-16 education. Your son will also have a second interview, with the same member of staff at the start of the Spring Term, following their Prelim Examinations.

The focus of the interview and the issues discussed will have a common thread for all, but the emphasis (of course) will vary. For those boys who are currently doing very well, we will use the opportunity to talk through where they feel that they need to focus so as to maximise their potential. Where boys are not meeting their target grades we concentrate on what they need to do over the few remaining months of GCSE so as to close the grade gap. For boys who we feel are coasting and not trying hard enough, we will obviously use the interview to focus their minds on the improvements needed.

Each interview will be informed by the outcomes of the end of Year 10 examinations and their end of year report. The agenda for the discussion will therefore not come as a surprise to you, and hopefully this will prove to be a valuable opportunity for your son to take stock and get some advice and guidance at this critical time in Year 11. The second interview will be informed by the outcomes of the Prelim report and the subsequent report.

Should you have any questions about your son's forthcoming interview then please do not hesitate to make contact.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Middle School