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Dear Parent/Carer,

Over the last couple of years, we have successfully launched Period 6 afterschool sessions to support Year 11's with preparation for their GCSE examinations. After careful thinking, this year we have adapted Period 6 to place more autonomy on the students, whilst ensuring that the programme still achieves a positive impact. Period 6 will run weekly on a **Monday and Thursday** from **15:15 to 16:15**. It will be based in the library, and it intends to be a productive study space where students can come alone or with peers to complete homework, revise subjects, or practise study techniques. A member of SLT will be present to support your child with their work.

Overwhelmingly research shows that students that attend regular, additional intervention sessions make significant progress compared to their peers who do not. However, we also appreciate that it is important that we do not overload students with extra study to support their mental wellbeing, and as such, this year, we have opted to run these sessions as **optional**. Your child will be encouraged to attend, but ultimately, they will be trusted to make a decision that is best for their learning.

Last year's 'Extra Mile' with the year group proved successful with a high turnout, and we have listened to student feedback to improve the after-school experience. Every student who attends will have access to a laptop and revision resources, receive 'Embrace the Geek' cards, and on some sessions enjoy baked treats. Also, new to this academic year, all students will receive a Period 6 loyalty card. By attending, their card will be stamped, and ten stamps equates to a reward.

We understand that for a minority of students they will require transport home. If you are unable to arrange alternative transport for your child, The Dean Academy may be able to provide transport home via our minibus. Your child can sign up to the minibus via our Resources Centre. Please note that the minibus can become full, and so we advise your child to sign up as early in the day as possible to avoid disappointment.

If you have any questions about Period 6 or the year ahead, please contact Tom Fessey, Raising Standards Leader ([tfessey@thedeacademy.org](mailto:tfessey@thedeacademy.org)).

If your child plans to attend Period 6, whether regularly or not, please complete the attached reply slip and hand back to your child's tutor.

Yours sincerely,

**Tom Fessey**

**Associate Assistant Headteacher & Raising Standards Leader**

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**Period 6 Afterschool club**

I give permission for my child ..... to attend the Year 11  
Period 6.

Student Name: ..... Tutor Group: .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Parent/Carer

