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Dear Parent/Carer

As our Year 10 students embark on the first year of their GCSE study, we are looking forward to preparing them as best as possible for their end of year mock examinations and subsequently their final year with us here at The Dean Academy.

Year 10 will sit End of Year examinations in formal conditions and these are of particular importance for a number of reasons; sitting exams is a skill and through practice we learn to perform to our best; they provide their teachers with important evidence and helps us to inform teaching and fill gaps; and finally they enable staff and students to identify the areas where the students' strengths lie, and also the areas where we can offer additional intervention support if needed to help them achieve their potential.

To support Year 10 with the preparation for these examinations and for embarking upon Year 11, we are pleased to be able to offer our students the opportunity to attend additional revision and exam technique sessions. Overwhelmingly research shows that students that attend regular, additional intervention sessions make significant progress compared to their peers who do not. The "Extra Mile" club will be after school on **Thursdays from 15:15-16:15** starting on Thursday 13th November. 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 practice study techniques. Their Head of Year will be present to support your child with their work.

Students who get buses to school have the opportunity to book on to the late bus, however, please be aware that spaces on this are very limited so, wherever possible, we ask that you make your own arrangements for students to return home after the sessions. Although these sessions are optional, we hope that all students will choose to attend. Please use the attached reply slip to indicate that you give your permission.

If you have any questions regarding the mock examinations, please email Tom Fessey, Raising Standards Leader (tfessey@thedeanacademy.org).

Many thanks for your continued support. We look forward to working with you to ensure success for your son/daughter.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Head of Year 10





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The Extra Mile Afterschool Club

I give permission for my child to attend the Year 10 after school sessions.

Student Name: Tutor Group:

Signed: Date:
Parent/Carer



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