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Dear parent / carer

At Padgate Academy we are determined that every student should succeed in achieving the qualifications that will enable them to go onto future success.

The current year 11 cohort has had a very difficult time having to navigate their studies through lockdown, illness and/or periods of self-isolation. We appreciate that they are in a difficult position however we cannot allow this to be an excuse. The one thing that we can be certain of during these uncertain times is that at the end of this academic year GCSE grades will be awarded that will influence our students' futures. We must do everything we can to ensure that these grades are the best they can achieve.

The majority of our students are working hard as reflected in the recent mini-mocks. However, some students are still not doing their best to achieve success. To help tackle this we will be holding Directed Study sessions after school on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday which will last between ½ hour to an hour. These compulsory sessions will be for students who have not completed work in class or at home to the best of their ability. During the session they will be expected to complete the work in a focused environment. You will be contacted by Mrs Mills **through text message** if your child needs to attend. We hope that you can support us in trying to achieve the best for your child.

We are also putting a lot of measures into place to support students:

1. **Study materials** have been bought for students in most subjects. Please ensure that they use them.
2. **Study zones:** Students will be able to use the library after school on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday if they want a place to study quietly. We are also going to offer a weekend study zone - details to follow.
3. **Tuition sessions** for targeted students will begin soon. Students will be identified based on their mini-mock performance and areas for improvement.
4. **Mentoring for targeted students** who need extra support to help them organise their time.
5. **Rewards** will be given to students who are working well to encourage them to continue with their great efforts.

Mock Examinations will take place from **30th November to 11th December**. Examination timetables will be issued shortly.

If you have any suggestions or questions about how we are supporting your child, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Hawley

Senior Lead for Student Intervention

