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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Working together to support your child (GCSE support).**

I am a firm believer in the power of the growth mindset, and approach each year with the belief that all of our learners are capable of learning and growth. What is growth mindset? Simply put, it is the belief that intelligence and ability are not fixed traits or that we are born with only so much of them. Rather, with effort and perseverance all learners are capable of academic achievement.

Beacon Hill Academy is committed to ensuring that your child is immersed in the growth mindset in every classroom. We ask learners, and you, to continue to put your trust in us to help your child develop the confidence and ability to take educational risks. They will be praised not for their mental quickness or natural intelligence but for approaching the process of learning with grit and determination; doing this will allow them to grow in ways they never thought possible.

Your child has already come along way and has shown a real commitment to achieving their goals, which at this stage must be focused on doing really well in the final GCSE summer exams and achieving the highest possible grades in every subject.

As you know we have implemented a number of intervention strategies in school, which are helping learners develop a growth mindset. I would like this continue at home too; here are some things you can do to extend and promote growth mindset in your home:

- ✓ Encourage your child to take risks and tackle new challenges at school
- ✓ Praise your child not for the ease with which he or she learns a concept but for the amount of effort put into learning it.
- ✓ Emphasize perseverance and effort in extracurricular activities and, importantly, all revision sessions.
- ✓ Pay attention and verbally praise your child.
- ✓ Role model the type of behaviour you would like your child to develop.

We hope you'll continue to commit to joining us on this growth-mindset journey and our drive to help all learners on their final stages of Year 11. We cannot do it without your help.

If you have any concerns or would like to know more about Growth Mindset then please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me after school. I am more than happy to discuss any way that we can work together in helping to ensure we have a positive impact on your child's future.

Yours faithfully

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