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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **RE: Year 10 Controlled Assessments**

I hope this letter finds you well. Firstly, I would just like to start by saying how extremely proud I am of all of the students and the way they have conducted themselves at the start of their GCSE journey. It is fantastic to see how mature, settled and hard-working they have been throughout this time. I would also like to say a big thank you for all of your support on Parent Review Day. I know it was a very valuable day in terms of working alongside each other to ensure that students remain supported within their subjects.

National statistics show that good attendance is linked to a student's progress. We know that students with good attendance on average achieve more than one grade better than those who do not. As previously mentioned in other academy communications so far this year, it is paramount that your child attends school every day to allow them the best opportunity to learn and succeed within this very crucial year.

As you will be aware, students are nearly two thirds of the way through this academic year. **Controlled assessments and external coursework completion has already started** in many subjects and deadlines are now fast approaching in subjects such as Business, Sport, IT and Drama. These assessments **form a significant portion of students' final grade**, so it is essential they are in every day to support them in getting the best possible grade.

All lessons are focussed on the final push towards the completion of coursework and revision, in order to prepare students for their **upcoming mock exams**. As always, we really cannot stress enough the **importance of attending every single day**, to ensure that students are able to achieve the best possible grades and be supported as much as possible throughout their time at the Academy.

To support you in ensuring that students are attending school every day, we will continue to contact you regularly, as well as providing in-school pastoral and academic support, home-visits and potential meetings to discuss how best to support your child. There are also a number of subjects facilitating after-school interventions to ensure that students' coursework is ready to be externally submitted to the relevant exam board.

We look forward to continuing to work alongside you and your child, to best prepare and support them for these upcoming controlled assessments and deadlines. Year 11 is also quickly approaching and we are here to support you and your child in every possible way with this change as well.

If there are any concerns, either pastorally or academically, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mrs Bennett via [lucywoods@graceacademy.org.uk](mailto:lucywoods@graceacademy.org.uk) or [zbennett@graceacademy.org.uk](mailto:zbennett@graceacademy.org.uk) respectively, or via the main academy number 0121 329 4600.

Yours sincerely,

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