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Dear Families

GCSE Support and Success Evening Thursday 29th September 2022

As we all know, this is the biggest year for your children in terms of their education. In a little over eight months, our students will begin sitting their GCSE examinations. Given what is at stake – apprenticeships, college and VI Form places, work offers etc., this year can be challenging for all of us, particularly for the families of our young people. Our **GCSE Support and Success Evening** will help you with this.

During the evening, we will cover the following areas:

- The year ahead – what to expect, pinch points, key dates, key events
- Support and help – the vast number of strategies and extra resources available to support our students
- External educational support available
- Positive mental health and wellbeing – how to keep your children healthy during the year, particularly during the busy and more stressful times

A lot of our former students describe the GCSE processes as being some of the most challenging that they have every faced. Doubtless, a lot of our students will go through ups and downs as we go through the year. As a parent it can be very difficult to know what the best approach to take is when perhaps things are not going well, or to know what warning signs to look out for. **I am delighted to say that the charity MIND will be joining us to discuss mental health and wellbeing, giving you tips and useful strategies that you can use.**

Mrs Dolby and Year 11 Tutors will also be present for the first part of the evening and be available for you to talk to during the refreshments break.

This evening is on **Thursday, 29th September 2022, in school starting at 6.00pm and ending by 7.30pm**. Please confirm your attendance by completing this very short attendance sheet [CLICK HERE](#) - **this evening is for parents and carers only**, and not students:

We hope you can attend – the closer we are able to work together, then the stronger the tripod of School, Student and Family. A strong stable tripod will bring out the very best in our students.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact me at school.

Kind regards

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