



# The Sutton Academy

Together Students Achieve

Principal: Mr P Willerton

8 September 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer and Student

Year 11 is a challenging but exciting time for our students who are undoubtedly starting to think about their GCSEs. At the academy, we are fully committed to doing everything we can to support your child in achieving the best possible results in their examinations.

A strategy which has proven to have significant impact on our students' results is our Boost & Secure programme. This is a package of additional lessons available to all Year 11 students that runs from 2.40pm to 3.30pm. These sessions are run by subject experts, and have been designed meticulously by teachers to address any gaps in knowledge or misconceptions that were identified in the previous round of assessments. During these sessions, students are also taught how to prepare for their examinations independently, and are given advice and guidance on how to perfect examination techniques.

To support the wellbeing of our students, in what is a challenging year, we have made some changes to the Boost & Secure programme. This includes no mandatory sessions on a Monday or Friday. It also includes running Boost & Secure sessions in cycles to allow times within the academic year when there are no Boost & Secure sessions for any student. On a Tuesday all students will attend Maths, and on a Wednesday all students will attend English. On a Thursday every student will be allocated a session in the subject in which they require the most support, based on their previous tracking data. Boost & Secure sessions start for all students on Tuesday 12 September, and students will receive a copy of their personalised programme during Ready to Learn.

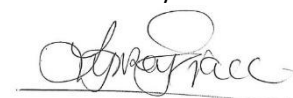
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No Mandatory B&S	Maths B&S	English B&S	Personalised B&S	No Mandatory B&S

We strongly believe that these sessions are vital to student success, and so it is expected that all students will have excellent attendance to their Boost & Secure sessions. We view these sessions just as important as any other lesson in the academy day, and therefore have the same expectations and standards. This means that students should be punctual, ready to learn and demonstrate an excellent attitude to learning. If required, we will use the academy behaviour policy to support students to meet our expectations.

We are very proud of the support we offer to our Year 11 students and are confident that we can provide all students with the opportunities and encouragement they need to reach their full potential. We hope that we can work in strong partnership with parents/carers in order to achieve this.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, or a member of the Year 11 Team, if you have any questions about the Boost and Secure programme.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Grace  
Vice Principal

