

19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11 Students,

**Every Minute Counts: Year 11 Catch-Up for Lost Learning**

From Thursday 2nd October, we will be introducing a new system to address punctuality in Year 11. If a student accrues 60 minutes or more of lateness in any setting between Wednesday and Tuesday, they will be collected to catch up on the learning time they have lost.

The catch-up session will take place for **one hour after school on Thursdays**. If your child is required to attend, a text message will be sent home to inform you.

As your child is now in Year 11, every minute of learning is crucial in ensuring their success in their upcoming examinations. Even small amounts of lateness can have a significant impact on overall learning time. For example:

- Being **5 minutes late each day** over a year adds up to the equivalent of **3 full days of school missed**.
- Being **25 minutes late each day** over a year results in the loss of around **19 full days of learning**.

Please see attached graph that demonstrates the impact of lost minutes of learning.

We are sure you will agree that this learning time is vital as students work towards achieving their best possible outcomes. We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing the importance of punctuality with your child, helping them to establish strong habits that will support their success both in school and beyond.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Kibela  
Acting Vice Principal

*...being in school, on time, every day,  
ready to learn.*



Poor punctuality - less  
chance of success

Very poor punctuality-  
serious impact on education  
and reduced life chances.

***DID YOU KNOW?*** *If you are 15 minutes late each day you  
will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year?*