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Dear Year 10 and 11 Parents and Carers,

Stop the Clock Day, Monday 2nd November

Our next **Stop the Clock Day** is on **Monday 2nd November**, the first day after half term.

Stop the Clock days provide students with an opportunity to step away from their usual timetable and take part in a range of valuable activities designed to support their academic progress, personal development and preparation for the future.

Year 11

Year 11 students will spend time with the English Department completing their **Spoken Language Endorsement** presentations. This is a compulsory component of the GCSE English Language qualification, assessed separately and reported alongside their final GCSE grade. They will also participate in important sessions on **sexual health and the risks associated with vaping and cannabis**, delivered by specialist external speakers.

In addition, students will benefit from an engaging revision and motivation session led by **Steve Beckles-Ebusua, also known as 'The Speaker with the Orange Tie'**, who will share practical strategies to help them prepare effectively for their upcoming GCSE examinations.

Year 10

Year 10 students will focus on **developing effective revision** techniques and study skills, helping them understand how to prepare successfully for their GCSEs. They will also take part in informative sessions on **sexual health, vaping and cannabis**, all sessions will be delivered by specialist external speakers.

Students will also have a dedicated careers session to help them begin exploring ideas and opportunities for their future work experience placements.

Our Aim

Stop the Clock Day is designed to provide students with valuable knowledge, practical skills and guidance that will support them both inside and outside the classroom. We hope they will find the day informative, engaging and beneficial as they progress through their GCSE courses.

Full school uniform is required.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mr Barnes
Deputy Head