



NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY  
SAMWORTH ACADEMY

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are aware that there have been a large number of changes for Year 11 pupils over the last few months, which we apologise for. However, the changes made since the end of October have been necessary in order to ensure the maximum opportunity for their success in the May to June 2014 exams.

We are also attempting to respond to the worries that pupils themselves have about the next six to seven months. The biggest concern raised – with almost 60% of the year group mentioning it in a questionnaire – is the interruption of their learning by other pupils in the class.

Therefore, last week a statement was issued to **all** Year 11 pupils and teachers. This stated that:

- If a student speaks or interrupts a lesson whilst a teacher is trying to teach, then a series of steps will be followed, starting with warnings of consequences.
- If this does not stop the interruption or if the interruption is then repeated, then a serious consequence will take place: there will be an exclusion involved and withdrawal from that teaching subject. This will be permanent if necessary.

Those students who we feel may be the most likely to get themselves involved in this sort of incident have been spoken to by senior members of staff. We know that the vast majority of students are likely to approve this decision since it ensures they have the right learning environment in which to learn.

We hope that you will understand our actions in support of your son or daughter as they prepare for the crucial period ahead.

This is a serious matter and we will not allow the life chances of the many to be adversely affected by the thoughtless actions of the few.

Yours sincerely,

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