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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: 'Ready to Succeed' Event for Year 11 Parents

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to our year 11 students and parents for such a positive and focused return to school. It has been lovely to see the students back at Cox Green and back focusing on their studies in such an important year. They have been very considerate of the need to socially distance from other 'bubbles' or year groups and have helped us to promote a calm and kind atmosphere throughout the school. We just ask that they continue to do this and to think about the positive impact they can have on both the school and non-school communities to which they belong in helping others to stay safe.

As part of our ongoing drive to develop the skills of our Year 11 students in anticipation of this important year, Cox Green has arranged a 'Ready to Succeed' event for parents. Although this event is aimed at Parent/Carers we will be sharing key messages to our Year 11 students during tutor time. Due to the current circumstances, this event will take place online, and will include a presentation of key information and provide the opportunity to have your questions answered.

We would like to invite you to view our online presentation that will go live from Thursday 24th September. This will cover a number of areas that are key to succeeding in Year 11, such as retention and revision skills, good study habits, future planning and dealing with nerves and anxiety. As well as information and tips from the Pastoral team, there will be sections of the presentation dedicated to how to achieve success in the core subjects and advice from staff in these areas on how best to support your child in their preparation for their upcoming GCSEs. Details of how to access this presentation will be sent on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Although we are unable to hold this event in person, we understand that you may still have some questions that you would like to ask or some aspects of the presentation that you would like to clarify. For this purpose, we have set up a specific email address ks4evening@coxgreen.com which you can address queries to arising from the presentation. A member of the year 11 team will then get back to you with the answer, or support you in finding the answer from the relevant member of staff. This mailbox will be open and monitored until Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.

In addition to this, we will be holding a Question and Answer session on Microsoft Teams for anyone who would like to ask a question in this way. If you would like to attend this to ask a question, please indicate this on the survey included with this letter <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KS4InfoEvening2020">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KS4InfoEvening2020</a>. The Question and Answer session will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 4pm. Invitations will be sent to parents who have expressed an interest to attend this event only. If you wish to attend please register by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope that this event, while slightly different to usual, will still be as useful and a valuable source of support and information at the start of this important year.

Yours sincerely

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