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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been wonderful to welcome Year 11 back into school this term. I am delighted at the positive attitude they are showing in aspects of school life. As we start Year 11 it is really important that the students are making the most of all the opportunities in the classroom by arriving to each lesson focused and engaged. It is also crucial that students engage with their independent learning, to ensure that they are up to date with all of their courses and that students ask for help where they need it.

Excellent attendance is particularly important this year. In some subjects, coursework and controlled assessments form part of the overall grade and it is vital that students complete all coursework by the required deadlines. If your child is unwell, it is their responsibility to catch up. However, teachers will place lesson outlines on the relevant Google Classrooms. If they are unsure, students should speak to their subject teacher who will guide them on what they have missed. Many departments will be running intervention sessions during the year for students and I would urge you to encourage your child to take advantage of all the help that they are offered.

The tutors and I will be encouraging students to take the opportunity to become involved with all aspects of school life and [co-curricular activities](#). Involvement gives students opportunities to show their abilities as leaders and innovators, and their willingness to work as a team. These qualities are invaluable as they approach the world of work. We'll be looking for students who are active in school life to help us plan and deliver our Prom and yearbook later this year.

Our School Council is becoming a greater part of school life and I hope that the Year 11 students will continue to be involved in this very important aspect of our Student Voice. Involvement in such activities gives them opportunities to show their abilities as leaders, innovators and their willingness to work as a team, all qualities that are invaluable as they approach the world of work and post 16 providers.

We will continue to reward our students for their behaviour and effort, and we would really appreciate your continuing support with using the Class Charts app. We log homework and coursework deadlines on there to help you track your child's workload.

Key dates for this school year can be found on the school calendar using the following link:
<https://www.edgbarrowschool.co.uk/calendar/>. Please check these to see the important dates for Year 11.

Please note the 9:15 am start on Friday 9th October following our Sixth Form Open Evening now confirmed for the previous day.

Please note all the school information regarding homework, absence reporting, uniform and mobile phone rules, etc can be found on the school website – www.edgbarrowschool.co.uk. With regard to equipment for lessons, if students need to bring scissors into school, could we please ask that they are the round-ended type.

I look forward to continuing to work closely with you to help all members of the year group fulfil their potential this year. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Burrell', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Mr T Burrell

Head of Year 11



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