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### Dear parent/carer

My apologies that I haven't sent this sooner. I know that you appreciate the amount of work that goes into opening a school to all after lockdown. We, alongside many Liverpool schools, have introduced a Champions' Hour which extends the Year 11 school day. This is done purely as a supportive measure as many of our students have expressed their concern at any work they feel they have missed. There is no intent to increase any anxiety, quite the opposite. The additional time allows the students to be able to go over any areas from the lockdown with their teacher. It will be done very much as a supportive measure. Usually our Year 11 attend masterclasses and Revise 'Til 5, both of which are hugely popular and students really appreciate them.

Our staff are really happy to have extra time with students that they haven't seen for 23 weeks. For the first 2-3 weeks our students will attend and then we will review this. Most students' anxieties stem from the fact they think they are behind. We are adopting the recovery curriculum with students which promotes positivity about their studies, but also increased time to work through the potential impact of the current situation from an emotional perspective too. Staff are using positive language when speaking to students in all lessons and trying to reassure them that we are working together.

I hope that you can support us in this and can appreciate the benefits of this support. I will update you regarding any changes in a more timely fashion.

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