

Dear Parent/Carer



I would like to make you aware of two excellent opportunities to support students to prepare for their GCSE exams in summer.

With the **University of Chester**, we have arranged study support sessions each Monday after school, between 3:30pm and 5:30pm. Undergraduate students will work with our students in study rooms on the Chester University campus. The University students have the necessary resources and experience to help our students to revise for their exams.

In addition to supporting students with revision, the undergraduates will be able to provide advice on: study skills; time management; essay techniques; stress management; prioritizing deadlines; concentration and regular breaks; personal study plans; effective use of resources and note taking.

Each Monday after school we can transport the students to the University in the school minibus.

In addition to this local support, **Lancaster University** is running a Study and Revision Skills Residential course from Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>, March. The aim is to provide students with the skills and tools to undertake effective revision and to manage their time in the lead up to their final exams. There will be a programme of workshops each day looking at the study skills listed above and revision sessions for English, Maths and Science. The course is residential with students staying in University accommodation and is fully funded if one or more of the following criteria are met:

- Neither of the student's parents went to University straight from school/ college
- The student is cared for by someone other than their parents or is a care leaver
- The student is entitled to free school meals.

Students must apply for places on this residential course.

Please could you complete the reply slip below to confirm whether you wish your child to benefit from either or both of these important opportunities.

Yours sincerely



Mr Lacey  
Assistant Head Teacher

My child \_\_\_\_\_ will/will not take part in the Chester University study support sessions each Monday after school and I give/do not give permission for my child to go to the University campus.

My child \_\_\_\_\_ does/does not wish to apply for a place on the Skills Residential Course at Lancaster University.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_