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Dear Parent/Carer

As a school, we have been successfully running our Boswells mentoring programme known as "Achievement for All at Boswells" AfA help us as a school to develop a wider range of strategies to raise aspirations, access and achievement for all students.

The mentoring programme, allows us as a school to support specific students, and their parents, to ensure that they are reaching their full potential. We have worked closely with our pastoral and curriculum teams to select Year 10 students who we feel would benefit from this programme. Your child is one of these students. Some key features of the programme are that:

- **Your child will be allocated a Mentor for the academic year**
- **You and your child will meet the Mentor once a term**
- **Meetings will take place in school or via team's/Phone calls at a time which is convenient for you**
- **Meetings will be scheduled after a Progress Check is released with an aim to do one initial meeting before half term as an introduction.**
- **A standard pro forma will be used to record outcomes and next steps**

All Mentors will have received training on the AfA model of 'Structured Conversations' to ensure that the meetings are positive, productive and that you have the opportunity to express your views and be confident that they will be acted upon. At each meeting you will be able to discuss the most recent Progress Check, ensure that you understand this fully and identify areas for improvement. We firmly believe that this scheme has a huge amount of potential and hope that you will see the value in this long-term, positive programme. So often, when teachers meet with parents, a single issue (often negative) dominates and there's not always enough time to get to the bottom of things. These meetings will give you the opportunity to explore any issues which are impacting upon your child's achievement and plan together for the future, both short-term and longer-term.

Your child's mentor will be in contact with you shortly to arrange your first "structured conversation". If you have any questions or concerns about the programme or AfA please contact Mrs Hayes by telephone: 01245 264451 or via email: [spn@boswells-school.com](mailto:spn@boswells-school.com)

This is an exciting opportunity for us, yourself and your child. We look forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely

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