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Dear Parent/Carer

Catch-Up Programme Year 10

I am writing to inform you of a new intervention programme called 'Catch-Up,' which we began trialling last term with Year 7 and Year 11. Due to the success of the programme, we are starting after the half term holidays (w/c Monday 5 June) to roll it out to Year 10. This programme has run nationally across many schools and the impact on students' progress has been overwhelmingly positive.

At some point in a student's education, they may find themselves behind with classwork. This could be because of number of reasons; a holiday, illness or lack of effort. This causes problems when a student has missed fundamental principles that a unit or topic builds upon and can cause frustration for the student and the class teacher. Quite often, this snowballs and students find it harder and harder to catch up with the work. Educational Research has clearly identified that students missing any lessons can quickly fall behind their peers and it is important that any gaps in a student's knowledge be caught up.

How it will Work:

If a student has been absent from school for any reason or have been identified as underachieving in a particular subject area, they may be referred for '**Catch-Up**' sessions. These are a supportive intervention to enable the student to get back on track with their learning and progress. The sessions will run on a Tuesday & Thursday 3.05pm – 4.00pm. A member of staff will be available who will oversee the session and support the students with their work. In liaison with the subject teacher, these sessions provide students with a supportive environment to improve their grades.

Catch-Up sessions are compulsory. If a student is to attend a 'Catch-Up' session, you will be informed via a letter of when it is, which subject and the reason why. Refreshments will be available for the students attending to help boost their energy levels for greater concentration.

I hope that you agree what a valuable addition the 'Catch-Up' programme is to the educational provision that we provide here at Furness Academy. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the 'Catch-Up' Coordinator Mrs Finnerty at hfinnerty@furnessacademy.co.uk or myself at hrobinson@furnessacademy.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

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