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Dear Parent/Carer

You may have heard about the 2011 GCSE examination success of our students. The results were the best in the history of the school for the third year running. The students achieved an excellent 84% for 5 GCSEs at A*-C which is 12% increase on the results in 2010. The 5 GCSEs including English and Mathematics went up by 7% on the previous year. Most impressively the 5 GCSEs at A*-G was 97% and 1 A*-G was 100%. This all means that Winterhill is an inclusive school where every child gets qualifications.

There is so much more to Winterhill than examination success. Parents/carers and students can look forward to examination success by working with the school in order to get the best for every child. The school wants to encourage all students to get involved in some of the many extra-curricular activities available. This helps students in so many ways in their development.

Of course students need to be here to take advantage of the help, support and activities. Parents are requested to ensure that their sons/daughters attend school every day and that they arrive on time. The school will, in addition to the absence texts, be making contact with parents if for any reason attendance falls below 92%. This is because there is a direct link between attendance and success.

There are many opportunities for additional study support sessions after school, particularly as students get older. It is vital that if students are selected for these targeted programmes, they attend and we will be looking for parental support in this. The sessions are not punishments, they are designed for catch up or additional support in specified areas and they are all intended to boost achievement. Also, please find, on the reverse of this letter, a list of key school dates for your calendar.

I would like to thank parents/carers for their continued support. I would like to thank you for supporting the school through uniform, behaviour and attendance. All of these areas are important components in getting a learning ethos with an achievement culture as the students need to feel part of a team. Parents and carers are such an important part of success at any school and I am particularly grateful to the excellent support and encouragement parents/carers give to the school and the staff. The contribution parents/carers make is invaluable.

Yours sincerely

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