Dear parents and carers

Please find below a summary of the key messages that tutors will be sharing with students next week:

**Maths and English**

Any student that completed a resit in GCSE Maths and/or English in November received their results last Thursday.  We are very pleased with the results which are even better than last year. It means that a significant number of our students achieved at least a grade 4 and, consequently, they no longer need to attend their  Maths/English GCSE resit classes and can spend more time on working on their main course.  The resit results also showed a real clear link to attendance in the English and Maths lessons, for example,  students who achived a grade 4 or above in Maths has an average attendance of over 80%.  Some students made negative progress from their previous GCSE results. Of these, one of reasons was that they had less than 40 % attendance.  If your young person is still studying for their GCSE maths and English, please do support us with the message that attending their lessons is the absolute key to success.

There are mock exams in GCSE English taking place next week.  At Accrington college, these Mocks will take place in the English classrooms; at Nelson in the sports hall on 25th January at 9am.  Please ensure that your young person attends as it is crucial exam practice.

**E-mail communication**

Our college uses email communication a lot to inform students of important messages as well as communicating information about various aspects of college life. Our tutors will be reminding students to regularly check their college emails as we do not send communication to personal email addresses.

**College CPD day**

Our college is closed to students on Wednesday 1st February as our staff are involved in a college professional development day.  Lessons/timetables resume as normal on Thursday 2nd February. We are encouraging students to catch up on assignment work  / Maths and English Homework / revision activities for end of year exams.

Thank you for reading these key notices and have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

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