



10th October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Your young person has been chosen to receive additional help and support as part of a tutoring programme organised by the school and an external agency called Make Happen.

They were identified for additional support from their year 9 report as someone who might benefit from what we have to offer. The programme, which runs on Fridays during tutor time, is designed to raise aspiration, and focuses on the following areas:

- Promoting a positive mindset of 'can do'.
- Resilience. Teaching students how to cope when they face difficulties or feel they can't do the work set in class or at home.
- Developing their study skills so they are better prepared for tests, assessments and their final exams.

For those that complete the programme we are looking to take them to the University of Essex in December to get a first-hand experience of what university is about and Make Happen are offering this free of charge.

Having run the programme in the past, we have found that those who took part made improvements in their GCSEs and performed better than those who did not in their final exams.

Regardless of whether your young person attended this opening session, we are hoping to see everyone at the first tutoring session next Friday when we will be looking at resilience, and how to build it.

In view of this it would be appreciated if you could discuss this opportunity with your young person and hopefully encourage them to attend.

Should you need any further information please contact me using my school email.

Yours faithfully

Mr L Pickering
Associate Senior Leader