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Dear Parent/Carer,

To support all pupils in Year 7 and 8, the government have provided every school with funding to invest in additional intervention in order to close gaps in learning as a result of the pandemic.

I am delighted to inform you that Castleford Academy have invested in an online tutoring programme which will ensure your child reaches their potential as they journey through key stage 3. The tutoring programme, *Impress the Examiner*, is a reputable programme delivering science, English and maths tuition by experienced teachers who are experts in their subject specialism. Teacher profiles are included in this pack for you to find out more about the staff delivering the course. All tuition will be delivered online which means pupils will attend virtually outside of school hours.

#### Course Invitation

Your child has been selected to join the **science** course which runs **every Monday from 5.45pm – 6.45pm**. The course will commence on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. This is a supportive measure and does not mean that your child is underperforming. During each lesson, the teacher will share his or her screen and invite pupils to take part in three engagement activity polls during the course of the hour. The sessions will be set at a suitable level for your child to ensure it challenges and builds on prior knowledge. As an academy, we will receive weekly attendance reports and your child will be rewarded with Epraise for each session attended. Pupils will be recognised for the hard work over the duration of the course and rewards offered every 5 weeks as pupil progress is reviewed.

#### Course Impact

The course runs for 21 weeks. Whilst we understand this is a big commitment from both you and your child, pupils who complete the course see a significant improvement in their grades. The course ensures that any misconceptions, gaps in knowledge and understanding are addressed over the duration of the course.

Parents will be provided with updates on progress half termly and of course, we hope that you will see your child's confidence grow as they engage with the sessions each week from the comfort of their own home.

#### Access

By completing the reply slip below, you will be placing your child on the course. Online registration to the course will take place in school time and we will make sure your child has clear instructions for accessing the lessons each week. If you need IT support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please read through the attached information. If you have any further questions about Impress before committing to the course, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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