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Dear Parent/Carer

Subject: Important Information: The New DfE "Education Record" App

This year sees the release of a new digital initiative from the Department for Education (DfE) designed to modernise how students access and share their academic achievements.

From this August, the DfE is rolling out the **Education Record app** nationally. This app provides Year 11 students with a secure, lifelong digital record of their educational journey, moving away from a total reliance on paper certificates which can be easily lost or damaged.

What is the Education Record App?

The app is a secure digital space where students can view and share verified information held by the DfE. It is specifically designed to ease the transition from secondary school to post-16 destinations, such as sixth forms, colleges, or apprenticeship providers.

The digital record currently includes:

- **Personal Details:** Name, address, and date of birth.
- **School History:** A list of educational establishments attended.
- **Official Qualifications:** Verified GCSE results and other equivalent qualifications.
- **Support Needs:** Information regarding special educational needs (SEND) or eligibility for support, ensuring future providers can offer assistance immediately upon enrollment.

How It Works

To ensure the security of your child's data, the "issuing" process takes place within the school:

1. **Download:** Students download the "Education Record" app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store onto their personal smartphone.
2. **Verification:** A member of school staff who knows the student will "vouch" for their identity.
3. **Activation:** The student will scan a unique QR code generated by the school to link their identity to the app and unlock their digital record.

Results Day 2026

It is important to note that the app **is not replacing** the traditional Results Day experience. We still look forward to welcoming all Year 11 students into school on results day (Thursday, 20 August) to collect their grades in person and receive face-to-face support from our staff.

The digital record on the app will typically update later that morning (usually from 11:00 am), providing students with a permanent digital version of their results for future job and college applications.

Next Steps

We will be conducting the onboarding process for Year 11 students next week (week beginning 23 March). Please could you support them to ensure that they download the app via the Apple App Store or Google Play Store onto their personal smartphone. Although the school doesn't permit students to use their mobile phones during school time, they will need to have their devices accessible in their school bags for the onboarding process and this will be supervised individually by Year 11 tutors.

If you or your child do not wish for them to participate in this digital record scheme, please inform the school by contacting the school office.

For further information on how the DfE handles student data, you can visit the official GOV.UK guidance page.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully

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