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Dear Parent/Carer

Have you ever had an opportunity to look at your child's exercise books across all their subjects since they left primary school? It is a truly great and simple way of seeing just how hard and 'smart' a pupil is working in lessons. It is no surprise that 'beautiful and complete work' seen in books, by that I mean work in which a pupil obviously takes pride and tries their very best each and every lesson, is an indication that progress to targets is good! Where pupils have weak content in books, a pupil cannot be as successful as potentially they could be in the final exams as obviously gaps in knowledge and skills will exist. Our aim is to get all pupils producing 'beautiful work' in every lesson and see their best efforts in the subjects they favour the least so that any gaps are rapidly filled.

That said, over the next few weeks, pupils in year 10 will attend a new '**Book Sharp**' session with a senior member of staff to go through all their exercise books to look for their 'beautiful work' as I have described above. We will talk about targets, about effort, about what needs to be done to ensure potential is realised in the summer of 2017. Year 10 is a crucial year. The best use made of year 10 will allow a true focus in year 11 on final exam preparation and remove the need to play catch up which does hinder real progress.

If you would like to attend your child's '**Book Sharp**' session please just let me know via the reply slip below and I will make that happen. I will also ensure that you receive feedback with the actions needed/main points noted if you are unable to attend, again please indicate on the reply slip if you would like this sent home.

Thank you for your support and understanding. Any comments are most welcome. Please note, this is *in addition to* the subject consultation evening postponed from December at the time of the announcement of the consultation for closure of the school. Further dates will be notified by letter separately when we are in a position to do so.

Yours sincerely

Ms E Redpath
Acting Deputy Head



Please return to Ms Redpath via main reception by January 18th

Pupil's Name: _____

Please indicate your preferred option:

- 1) I / we would like to attend the **'Book Sharp'** session.

Either:-

I / we CAN attend during the school day between _____ and _____ (Please enter a time frame - we'll need about an hour - a date will be confirmed on receipt of this form)

Or:-

Choose a date & time from the selection below. We will confirm your choice by phone:-

Date	3.30 - 4.30	4.30 - 5.30	Date	3.30 - 4.30	4.30 - 5.30	Date	3.30 - 4.30	4.30 - 5.30
Mon 25 Jan			Mon 1 Feb			Mon 8 Feb		
Tues 26 Jan			Tues 2 Feb			Tues 9 Feb		
Wed 27 Jan			Wed 3 Feb			Wed 10 Feb		
Thurs 28 Jan			Thurs 4 Feb			Thurs 11 Feb		

- 2) I / we are unable to attend but would like to receive notes of the session. Please send via email or post.
- 3) I / we are unable to attend but will discuss their **'Book Sharp'** session with our child.

Comment:

Signed : _____ Parent / carer

