



**Moorside
High School**

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Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, we have really struggled to source a Business Studies teacher, so you can imagine our delight when we finally managed to find someone who was available to come into Moorside to support our Year 11 students. As we shared last week, we were hopeful that the DBS and all the pre-employment checks would be fully completed by Monday 4th March. Unfortunately, as I am sure you have been made aware from your child, there has been a slight delay with this, and he was not able to join us on Monday.

We have been informed today, that the checks should have been completed by the end of the working day today, allowing the teacher to join us tomorrow. However, as a contingency plan, as it is now 18:30 and we have not received this confirmation, we have arranged for Mr Bullen to deliver the Year 11 GCSE classes this week. Mr Bullen is a Computing and BTEC Business Enterprise teacher, who teaches Year 11 Creative IMedia at the same time as the Business group. Due to this group currently working independently on coursework this week, it has meant we have been able to look at the staffing this group, to facilitate Mr Bullen teaching the Year 11 Business class.

As Mr Bullen does have experience with Business, and the fact that he marked the Business mock exam papers, I have just spoken to him on the phone and he has agreed to plan two sessions this week, looking at the mock papers and working with the students on the areas they need to improve following the question level analysis. Although we appreciate that this is not ideal, and extremely frustrating for both you and us as a school, I want to reassure you, that we feel the students will benefit from these sessions with Mr Bullen.

Just one point to note, I have been made aware, that there has been some low-level disruption in the lessons. Whilst I understand this could be caused by the frustration from the students themselves and the work that has been set. I would appreciate you encouraging your child to fully engage in the sessions this week with Mr Bullen. The students will have completed similar activities in other subjects, and we believe they will only benefit from Mr Bullen doing this with them, Thursday, and Friday for Business Studies.

As we have now arranged for Mr Bullen to be with the group, this week, when the specialist arrives, he will also be in the lesson with Mr Bullen. This way he can get to know the students, look at what they have done and plan for the lessons from Monday. I am still in talks with the colleges to source a member of their team to do a booster day/session and again, as soon as I hear anything, I will inform you. The Business specialist will also be delivering extra sessions on a Tuesday and Wednesday Period 5 for the group until the exam.

We will keep you fully informed about the arrival of the Business specialist, hopefully this will be tomorrow, however should it be otherwise, I will recontact you to keep you updated.

Thank you for your continued support, I do fully appreciate your concerns and I want to reassure you, we are doing all we can.

Kind Regards

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