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**RE: Education Record App for GCSE – Letter for Parents and Carers**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the summer exam season, I am writing to introduce you to a new government initiative designed to modernise how students receive and share their GCSE results.

Starting this summer, the Department for Education (DfE) is rolling out the Education Record app. This digital platform will provide Year 11 students with a secure, lifelong record of their academic achievements, accessible directly from their smartphones. More information can be found [here](#).

The app is a secure digital space where students can view their verified GCSE results. Its primary purpose is to simplify the transition to post-16 education. Key benefits include:

- **Instant Verification:** Students can instantly share their results with colleges, sixth forms, or employers without needing to wait for paper certificates.
- **Lifelong Access:** The record stays with the student for life, removing the risk of losing physical certificates.
- **Smoother Enrolment:** Most local colleges are now integrated with this system, allowing for faster processing on enrolment days.

It is important to note that the tradition of Results Day remains the same. Students are still invited to come into school on **Thursday, 20th August 2026** to collect their results in person.

To ensure your child is ready for August, we will be beginning the "onboarding" process shortly, as outlined below.

1. **Download:** We are now asking students to download the **Education Record app** (available on iOS and Android) on to their smartphone.
2. **Verification:** A member of school staff will "vouch" for each student's identity in class to link their app to their official National Pupil Database record. We will be doing this in school over the next half term.
3. **No Smartphone?** If your child does not have access to a compatible smartphone, please do not worry. We will continue to provide paper results slips as usual, and they will not be disadvantaged in the enrolment process.

We believe this is a positive step toward reducing paperwork and giving our students more control over their own educational data.

Thank you for your continued support during this important term.

Yours sincerely,



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