

Our Ref: 171/15

10<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

**Study Support**

Study support is defined as “learning activities outside the classroom which students take part in voluntarily. Study support is an inclusive term embracing many activities, with many names and guises. Its purpose is to improve students’ motivation, build their self-esteem and help them become more effective learners. Above all it aims to raise achievement.

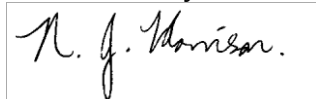
At St.Margaret’s we are following the national initiative for Study Support, and have set up a timetable of activities for our students to participate in. As you can see from the timetable on the reverse of this letter, we are offering a wide range of activities, from traditional academic subjects and various sports to more unusual clubs. These activities are available now, following a trial period over the last two weeks.

It is hoped that you would strongly encourage your son/daughter to take part in as many of these activities as possible, as recent investigations have shown that students who regularly take part in Study Support improve their exam results substantially. This is not only due to the obvious extra teaching time they receive, but also the improved mental attitude that can develop due to the more relaxed atmosphere and interaction with teachers that exists during these sessions.

The timetable on the reverse of this letter is provided for you to keep so that you will have a record of what your son/daughter will be doing, where, and for how long if he/she chooses to takes part in any of the activities. Alternatively, once you have hopefully helped your son/daughter to decide what activities to take part in, your son/daughter could keep this as his/her own personal copy, although there are now numerous copies of the timetable on notice boards around the school and on the school website.

Finally, would your son/daughter please return the reply slip below to the school office **as soon as possible**. If any parents/carers feel they have the expertise required to provide any additional Study Support activities, or even wish to help with any already listed, would they please also give brief details in the space provided. This help could be in the form of financial support through sponsorship of some kind, or giving up valuable time to assist in some way. This I feel would make Study Support at St.Margaret’s as successful as possible, and achieve the goal we are all aiming for of improved standards across the board.

Yours sincerely



**Mr N. J. Harrison**  
**Study Support Co-ordinator**

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Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Details of Assistance: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_