

Dear **student name**

## **LEAP (GIFTED AND TALENTED) MASTERCLASS PROGRAMME IN YEAR 11**

You are invited to join the South Gloucestershire LEAP Masterclass programme in Year 11.

The programme is designed to support you in gaining an A / A\* at GCSE in **Subject**. You were nominated by your school because your teachers believe that you have the potential to achieve this level, due to your ability and enthusiasm.

You will work with students with similar potential from schools across South Gloucestershire, participating in interactive workshops that will help you to think more deeply, develop more skills and, above all enjoy your subject. Some of these students will have attended the Masterclass in Year 10, but the activities will quickly help you to develop a good working relationship with them. You will benefit from support provided by an expert facilitator who will seek to enhance your learning and performance.

All the different subject programmes will run on the same dates across the local authority – your school Masterclass venue will be **school venue**.

**Day 4 – Wed 7 October, 2009**

**Day 5 – Thurs 26 November, 2009**

**Day 6 – Mon 8 February, 2010**

Note that all days will be completed before your main exams so that you will be able to apply information and skills learned. Day 6 will focus on examination techniques so you will be as well prepared as possible.

Days begin promptly at **9.30 am** and finish at **2.30 pm** (note the new finish time). Please arrive at the school for **9.15 am** but no sooner. Lunch will be provided on all three days but you may wish to bring along an additional snack and drink.

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Please ask your parents/ carer to complete the attached **Parent Consent Form** and return **by Friday 2 October** to me.

A letter of introduction from the workshop facilitator will also give you further details about the workshops and what you need to bring along. You are asked to wear school uniform unless told otherwise.

Student evaluations show that your Masterclass group really benefited from the three days in Yr 10. The next three should be even better! Please do not hesitate to get in contact with me at school if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

**Name**  
**School LEAP Masterclass Co-ordinator**

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