



8<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Year 11 Mock Examinations**

The Year 11 Mock Examinations will begin on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December and run for two weeks. These examinations are an opportunity for your child to apply their knowledge in each of their subjects so far and endeavour to gain the GCSE grades they would expect next summer. Students will be given feedback on their performance, to help identify any areas for further development. The results of these mock examinations will also be shared with you along with predicted grades, early in the Spring Term.

A timetable for the first series of mock examinations is attached for your reference. Also attached is an Exam Handbook for both students and parents to help you become familiar with the rules and procedures relating to public examinations. It is important that you read this carefully and a copy of all information is also available on our website under the Examinations tab.

During their one to one mentoring sessions, almost all of our students mentioned that they were starting their revision during the half term break. This half term we would expect them to spend approximately two hours each day revising two different subjects with a break in between. They should make full use of both the 'Revision Tip' booklet and the subject topic lists to be most productive. Their Firefly page has all of this information and they should keep referring to this during their revision. In the fourth week of this half term, all lessons will be designed to top up their revision, and this will continue into week five.

Also attached is a revision list from each subject which will detail the specific areas of the course that will be examined in this set of mock examinations. Subjects will offer a range of revision sessions and drop in sessions; times and dates of such sessions will be shared with your child through their teachers and we ask that you encourage them to attend these.

We appreciate that examinations can often cause increased levels of anxiety for students. We have taken many steps to try to prepare students as well as possible for this set of examinations and their wellbeing is of paramount importance. The pastoral programme will also focus heavily on mental health, sleep patterns, the importance of maintaining good physical health through diet and exercise over the course of the next month and tutors are experienced in helping alleviate concerns and anxieties around examinations.

We would like to encourage all students to work hard over the coming weeks to ensure that their mock examination performance provides them with encouraging feedback about their progress.

Yours faithfully

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