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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Mocks – March 2023

As communicated in the recent Parents Evening, Year 11 will be starting their second set of Mocks in the weeks beginning 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March. The purpose of these mocks is to enable us to gather further evidence of where your child is at in terms of attainment and progress since their last formal assessment in December. This will allow us to re-address where extra support may be required and signpost further where there are still gaps in knowledge. It is important that your child is well prepared and utilises their individual Action Plan to target specific topic revision for all their subjects and make the most of all Super Curriculum opportunities. Subject Leaders will be working with their staff to ensure all students are prepared in advance of these assessments to support their performance.

All mock examinations will take place in the sports hall unless a specialised space is required and the timetable for a two-week period is attached to this letter and a copy can be found on the school website. Students will need to read the timetable carefully and ensure that they know when they are required to attend. Reminders will be provided in our first assembly back after the half term break and your child's mentor will be available to revisit the revision timetable that should already be in place. Please could we ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child is revising at home and that they have a space free from interruptions to allow them to focus.

It is important that above 96% attendance is maintained for the remainder of the academic year to support progress and that good punctuality is maintained so that there is no lost learning time. During the mocks, Year 11 may need to move to the second break time and will remain on the first lunch. Arrangements for each day will be communicated in form time each morning. If your child arrives too late for an exam, or misses an exam completely, we will expect them to catch up as it is important we are able to evaluate their knowledge, skills and understanding to inform planning moving forwards. Please also be advised that school will be open to Year 11 on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March and our expectation is that all Year 11 will be in attendance for examinations on these days.

Following the March Mocks, Year 11 will receive a further Grade Card so that you are kept informed of your child's progress and attainment. Please be advised that the actual results day for Year 11 will be Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions please direct them through the Year 11 pastoral team.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs J Thomson Vice Principal