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Dear Parents and carers,

I am writing to you to inform you about the Year 11 mock examinations, which will run from Monday 4th January until Wednesday 13th January 2021. There will be two subsequent days of examinations for Art and Graphics on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th January.

As you are aware, we held a week of interim assessments in September; these were additional assessments so that teaching staff could identify gaps in students' knowledge and skills as well as providing important assessment data given the cohort did not sit any exams in Year 10.

It has always been our intention to hold the more formal mock examinations and the decision to move them to the start of the Spring term was taken in order to allow more teaching time and to give students more time to prepare.

We will not be holding the exams as we normally would, with the majority of students sitting in the hall, as we do not feel it is appropriate to place such a large number of students in one room for prolonged periods. Exam conditions will apply as normal and will be supervised by our team of invigilators but students will sit them in a block of classrooms as they did in September.

Preparation for the mock examinations is already underway in lessons and in targeted intervention sessions after school. It is the expectation that students will revise but this must also be balanced with having a break over the Christmas period.

Please find enclosed the exam timetable; your son/daughter will have a more detailed timetable which includes their revision rooms where they will be able to prepare quietly in between exams.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Knight
Deputy Headteacher