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Dear Parents/Carers,

The mock examinations for Year 11 will run from Monday 13th November to Tuesday 21st November, with some further examinations to be held after this date in lesson times. The overall timetable is attached and students have been given a copy of this.

As most subjects still have GCSE content to cover, the mock examination period is condensed and does not cover all papers that students will sit in the Summer examinations but will give a realistic experience of the final examinations. Components that are not covered in the mock examinations will be addressed in lesson times and some subjects may schedule a second mock paper in the spring term.

Students with exam access arrangements will be provided with a personalised timetable in due course, which will detail the room they will be in and the support they will be given.

Teachers have been preparing students for these exams for some time and supporting them on how to revise for the mocks; we have provided all students with a booklet to assist them with their revision for each subject and using lesson time to reinforce what they need to do and where to access resources. The study skills session delivered by Enlighten Education on 19th October will also help students to be able to shape how they prepare.

The mock examination results will be formally reported in the spring term, along with estimated grades; these will be the final estimated grades we will share with students and parents/carers. Estimated grades will take the mock results into consideration but will not be solely based on them.

We expect that students will take advantage of any intervention and revision sessions made available to them but that they will also be managing their own revision at home. It is very important that they have a quiet space to revise and that they manage their time appropriately; a balance between time revising and other activities is crucial.

Thank you for your continued support of your child and the school; please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the mock examinations.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Knight, Deputy Headteacher