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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Mock exams round one

Thank you for helping our Year 11 students have such a positive first term in school and supporting them through their first two-week mock exam experience earlier this term. I'm pleased to say the students found the exams both tiring and challenging which will help build their resilience as part of their long-term preparation to be ready for the summer exam series.

Departments and teachers have marked the mock exams, decided on grade boundaries for them and then allocated student grades, which have been shared with you as part of the Autumn tracking document. I wanted to make you aware that the production of grade boundaries for mock exams is by no means an exact science, especially this academic year as the Department for Education will manipulate the summer exam results again to return the national standards to 2019 levels. It's important to note that the courses are not yet complete, some subjects will not have used a full set of exam papers for their mock but only tested the students on the work that has been covered so far. As a result, the mark awarded reflects that element of the course covered and tested. Finally, the mock exam grade awarded does not take account of any coursework marks that make up some of the qualifications, it only takes account of the exam grade achieved.

Revision planning

Mock exams round two will be upon students before they know it; they are scheduled to begin on **Monday 13th February 2023** and are likely to run to around **Wednesday 8th March 2023**. They will take place either side of the February half term holiday, as they did in October, to give students a chance for a break during the exam period. To support students in better preparing for this second round of mock exams, students will have some training before Christmas to:

- Consider what they need to revise
- Produce a sensible revision timetable
- Think about their revision environment
- Look at different types of revision activity

They will receive the mock exam round two timetable before Christmas to support this process. We will also be offering parents the opportunity to come in and have the same training as the students so that you are well placed to support them with revision at home.

Please see overleaf...

Upcoming key events and dates

- Parent revision training sessions - times and dates to be confirmed, but from w/b 5th December 2022
- Year 11 Supporting Success evening - Monday 26th January 2023 at 5.00pm
- Year 11 mock exams round two - 13th February until approximately 8th March
- Year 11 Parents Evening [remote] - Wednesday 22nd March 2023, 4.00pm – 7.00pm
- Provisional Summer exam dates - Monday 15th May through to Wednesday 21st June 2023
Please note, these are still provisional and are for the summer written examinations.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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