

## **Dear Parent**

I am writing to inform you of upcoming Y11 Mock GCSE assessments, taking place from 8<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

I have attached a timetable for each of the subjects being assessed. Your support would be greatly appreciated in encouraging your child to prepare thoroughly for each exam. In light of the Covid pandemic, mock examination results have taken on even greater significance recently, having been used to partly inform 2021 Y11 pupils' final GCSE grades.

Obviously, we hope that this will not be the case for our current Y11 students but given the unpredictability of the pandemic so far it is vitally important that students perform to the very best of their ability.

Preparation for the exams should begin as soon as possible. A key part of exam success is organisation. Please support your child with the following:

- A revision timetable: Revision should be taking place in manageable chunks each day. Last minute "cramming" does not work!
- A quiet place to study: Where possible, students should avoid distractions when revising. Turn off electronic devices such as the television, tablets and mobile phones.
- Know what to revise: Each subject has "Knowledge Organisers", available on the school website, along with the attached list of topics that detail all upcoming exam content.
- Encourage a good night's sleep and a healthy diet.

A great way for students to revise is to make their own "flashcards" based on their knowledge organisers. A guide on how to use flashcards has been posted to all Y11s on Microsoft Teams. You could play an active part in your child's revision by quizzing and testing them on a part of a knowledge organiser each day.

Should you have any queries around individual subjects please speak to the relevant Curriculum Leader in the first instance, contactable via the school office.

May I thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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