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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Year 11 Reports, Mock Examinations and Self Isolation**

We are writing to you to keep you informed of key information relating to Year 11 reports, mock examinations and the plans for students who are currently self – isolating.

**Reports for Families (Week Beginning 16<sup>th</sup> November)**

Students have been issued with their first academic report since the first lockdown took place in March.

We appreciate that this has been an extremely difficult time for many students and their families and that this will have had a significant impact on the academic progress that students will have made. We strongly believe that students will make accelerated progress during year 11 if their attitude to learning is good or better. This is why we are reporting attitudinal data only at this point in the year. We want these reports to act as a reflection point, for students to review their learning so far and to build on it as we continue throughout the school year.

We will report again to students and their families in January and by that time, we hope to have completed a full set of mock examinations.

**Mock Examinations (Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> November until Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December)**

At the time of writing this letter, we intend to run the week 1 and week 2 of the year 11 mock examinations as timetabled. We are aware that a number of students are currently self – isolating and will miss the first full week of these mocks.

To enable these students to access the full mock examination experience, we anticipate running a shadow timetable consisting of a third week of mock examinations, which will be a re-run of week 1.

Whilst this does mean that students self-isolating may have more time to prepare and even an opportunity to discuss the contents of some papers with their peers, we feel that the system described above gives the best solution to the challenges that COVID is providing.

If we could be confident that there would be no further disruption, we could delay the mocks by a week, but unfortunately this is not possible.

Mock examinations are intended as a rehearsal for the summer. Please be reassured that the mocks are not the final grades for students, but are meant to assist in developing revision skills, familiarity with the demands of a prolonged period of assessment and managing mental health challenges.

No one single piece of evidence will be used by a teacher when projecting academic grades.

We still have content to cover in many subjects and will have a later series of mock examinations timetabled to take place at the beginning of March.

If you require any further information relating to anything that we have covered in this letter, please feel free to contact Mr Heggs, Mr Hill (Head of Year) or Mrs Smith (Pastoral Manager)

Yours faithfully

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