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Dear Parent or Carer,

Re: Examination arrangements

As you are aware, as of today the GCSE exams begin. It is a very busy schedule and we hope that you feel that things have been going well for your child in their revision and study so far.

At St Mary's, we always do our utmost to support our pupils as much as possible in order to maximise their chances of examination success. As in previous years, this support will continue throughout the examination period. As such, Year 11 pupils will be in school as normal until the half-term break. When they are not sitting an examination, students will either be in their usual lessons, doing a pre-examination booster class or revising. Students will be directed by us as to where they should be.

After the half-term break, there is a programme of revision classes and warm-up sessions. There will be a one-hour revision class for each subject prior to an examination. For morning examinations, these classes will take place the day before. For afternoon examinations, they will generally take place in the morning of the day of the exam. There will be short warm-up sessions immediately before each examination.

It is important that all pupils attend the revision and warm-up sessions that are relevant to them. Students will be reminded of key tips, advice and guidance on exam technique. At other times, pupils will be able to continue their revision at home. We appreciate your support in ensuring the attendance of your son or daughter at these sessions, and I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that students should be in full school uniform when they come into school for an exam or a revision class.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Year 11 have worked very hard in the run up to the exams. We would like to wish your child the best of luck in the exams, and also to express our thanks to you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Dr I Stanton
Assistant Headteacher