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Dear Parent or Carer,

Re: Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable

I hope that you and your family are keeping well during this very challenging period.

Please find attached the timetable for the Year 11 mock exams in the spring term. As well as indicating the schedule for the upcoming exams, the timetable should act as a useful revision tool. Knowing which exams take place and when will help considerably with planning and organising revision schedules, as you will be aware.

We realise that the current situation is far from ideal preparation for these mock examinations. Consequently, some students may be feeling a little anxious. That is completely understandable and we would like to reassure you that our pastoral team is always here to offer excellent care and support. If your son/daughter is feeling overly worried and needs to speak to a member of staff, they can contact Miss Owen, the Head of Year, who will be pleased to help.

Despite the challenging circumstances, we want preparations for mock exams to continue. Students can access their lessons as usual via Teams. They have also received a revision booklet, which contains useful information about where to find revision materials in each subject area. Pastoral Period on Friday mornings will be devoted to mock exam preparation too. Should your child have a query about anything relating to their work, they can contact their classroom teacher during the course of the school day using the Chat facility on Teams.

It is important to see the mock exams as a staging post on the route towards the GCSEs next summer. They are an integral part of the learning process and do not constitute an end in themselves. The mock exams give everyone a good indication about current achievement. Just as importantly, they provide us with detailed information about which topics we have covered well and which areas of knowledge still require attention in the run-up to the final exams. This is invaluable for our planning and enhances achievement, ensuring that our students make the most of their revision time by focusing on the key topics/skills that we have identified.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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Assistant Headteacher

















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