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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 11 Mock Exams

I hope that you are keeping well.

As stated in the *key Dates and Information* document, issued in October, the second cycle of Year 11 mock exams will be taking place between **Monday 27th February** and **Friday 17th March**. Please find attached a copy of the timetable, which will also be posted on the school website.

This set of mocks will take place in classrooms during scheduled lesson time, rather than in the Sports Hall. The main reason for organising the mocks this way is to minimise disruption to lessons. In the run-up to final GCSE examinations, we feel it is vitally important that Year 11 lesson time across the curriculum is protected as much as possible. This will give all our students the best possible opportunity to maximise their progress over the coming months, as GCSE courses come to an end and lesson time is increasingly devoted to revision.

The main consequence of organising the mocks during lesson time is that not all students will be taking the same examination at the same time. Therefore, when identifying your child's examination programme, you should refer to the column on the timetable indicating class code, as well as subject. This will allow you to work out exactly what their examination schedule is.

In addition to giving students the opportunity to do some focused revision of key topic areas in all subjects, this cycle of mocks will allow students once again to experience a busy schedule of assessments under controlled conditions. Having mocks at this time will also be valuable in informing our planning in the final weeks of GCSE courses, so that we can identify which topic areas are strong and which areas require further attention going forward.

If you have any queries at all regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year, Mr Gray, in the first instance

Many thanks in advance for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully,

Dr I Stanton
Assistant Headteacher