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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 12 Mock Examinations

I hope this letter finds you well. Year 12 students are approaching the halfway stage of their A level courses and we have been extremely pleased with their progress so far. I am writing to inform you that we will be holding mock examinations during the next half-term. The examination period will be from **Tuesday 27th June to Monday 10th July**. Study leave will run from Monday 26th June until Monday 10th July (the students' final day in school before the mocks will be Friday 23rd June and they will return to school on Tuesday 11th July). For students studying solely A Level courses, students only need to be in school for their mock exams. Students studying vocational courses must be in school for the morning or afternoon session where they have a vocational lesson, unless that session precedes a mock exam.

First and foremost, the Year 12 mocks offer an excellent opportunity for students to find out what a busy examination schedule feels like. Experiencing a shortened version of the A level examination programme will be extremely valuable for students and stand them in particularly good stead for next year. Secondly, the Year 12 mocks offer an excellent opportunity for students, teachers, and parents to take stock and make an accurate assessment of progress at this point in A level courses. They will give everyone a clear idea about what ground we have covered so far and what areas of learning require attention going into Year 13.

Unfortunately, there also remains the potential of further industrial strike action during the next half-term which could clash with some of the mock exams. To mitigate this potential, we will need to include some contingency sessions within the mock exams window which we will use if we must postpone exams.

We will be speaking to students in more detail after the half-term break, giving advice and guidance about how they should be preparing, as well as which resources and strategies to use to make revision as effective as possible. Students will receive a timetable and essential information from their class teachers about the mocks, including the topics being covered, the structure of exams and revision materials.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Francis, the Head of Year 12, in the first instance.

Yours faithfully,

Dr I Stanton
Assistant Headteacher