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Dear Parent or Carer,

Re: Year 11 Mock Examinations

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well.

Year 11 mock exams begin on **Friday 17th November** and end on **Tuesday 28th November**. Before the half-term break, students were given their timetable, as well as an information and revision support booklet. The booklet provides students with detailed information on the exams that are taking place in each subject area, including exam title, length, topics covered and format. The booklet also offers advice to parents about how they can best support their child. Please find attached a copy of the information booklet and the timetable, which can also be found on the school website.

These mocks are another important staging post for students on their journey towards external exams next summer. The preparation period for mocks provides an excellent opportunity for students to reinforce and revisit those areas of knowledge where they may feel less secure, laying a solid foundation for further revision in the spring term. The mocks also allow students to experience a busy exam schedule in a formal setting without the pressure of it being the actual exams. We will be mirroring as much as possible the protocols of GCSE exams, so that students get into good routines and understand clearly what the expectations are for formal exams.

Whilst students should approach the mocks seriously and prepare well, they should not be overly anxious about them. We want students to take ownership over these exams and see them as part of the preparation process for next summer.

As always, there is lots of excellent pastoral support here in school. Mrs McKelvie, the Key Stage 4 Leader, and Miss Henzel, the Head of Year 11, as well as form tutors, are always available to offer advice and reassurance to anyone who is feeling anxious in any way.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Henzel in the first instance.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Stanton
Assistant Headteacher