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Important Information about Exams

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to inform you of the upcoming exam period. Mock exams start week commencing Monday, 23 November and continue for three weeks until the end of this term. These are a vitally important part of your child's GCSE preparation. It is important students treat these as realistically as possibly to get the full benefit of the experience.

The mock exams give students and staff a true picture of strengths and weaknesses, enabling us to put any required intervention and support in place. They also provide students with a more realistic idea of what the main exam period is like, as well as an understanding of which revision strategies work best for them. We would appreciate your support in ensuring your child is working hard at home to maximise the benefit of this exam period. As you will be aware, we recommend all year 11 students should be completing 2-3 hours of additional work per day, this includes Achieve sessions and homework.

In the run up to mock exams we would suggest this increases to a minimum of 3 hours, again including Achieve sessions. In most subject areas, homework over the upcoming weeks will be focused on supporting preparation for mock exams, although it will still be necessary for your child to spend some time doing their own revision concentrating on areas they find more difficult.

All year 11 students have been provided with a personalised exam timetable; however you can find a copy of the full exam timetable on the school website.

We appreciate your continued support. As always, if you have any concerns about your child's academic progress or the support you can offer at home, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Kind regards,

Mrs H Norman

Assistant Headteacher

