



Friday 10th December, 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I wanted to write to you to give you an update on the Mock Examinations that pupils have sat this half term.

As you will recall, our Mock Examinations took place over a two week period at the end of November and we were very impressed with how pupils have coped with these. For our Year 11 pupils, it was the first time that they have had any experience of the formality of sitting examinations and they have responded very positively. Pupils have had the opportunity to not only show off what they have learnt in each of their subjects, but have learnt some of the routines and regulations that surround external examinations.

We very much recognise that the external examinations can be a source of worry and anxiety for some pupils, and so having the opportunity for a trial run really helped to alleviate some of those concerns. Pupils are now more aware of what the summer examination experience will be like.

Pupils had prepared well for this experience - it was clear to see how they were taking advantage of the support and opportunities available to them from school. Whether that is understanding how to revise effectively as part of our Wider Curriculum, attending Master Classes or Intervention sessions, completing their half termly revision guides and simply being active learners within the classroom and doing their best.

We are very proud of how our Year 11 cohort have coped this term tackling any academic challenges with a determination to succeed. Their behaviour around the school site has been impressive, displaying kindness, maturity and good manners. You should receive your child's Module Data Report via MCAS next week, which will provide a summary of their learner attributes as well as their progress for this term.

As we move into the spring term, pupils are really starting to focus on preparation for the external examinations, which run from 16th May to 28th June 2022. In the new year, we will be sharing further guidance with parents about supporting your child through the next few months as they prepare for these examinations, to help them do their very best. In the meantime, pupils have been issued with a revision pack to complete over the Christmas





holidays. This time around it is a reduced version, focusing only on the core subjects, to help ensure that they balance their ongoing revision with a genuine break. As ever, we very much appreciate your support in helping to ensure that pupils complete the tasks that are asked of them.

In the meantime, if you have any further queries about examination preparation or the support that is available to your child, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I do hope you have a restful, peaceful Christmas time,

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Lennox
Assistant Headteacher