

Wednesday 31st January 2018

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Re: Year 10 Mock Examinations, 5th – 16th March

Year 11 is flying by, and in just under 10 school weeks, year 11 will be sitting their GCSE exams. In 12 months' time, year 10 will be in exactly the same position and we want to ensure they can approach their final examinations with confidence that they will reach the destination to which they aspire.

We want to ensure that your child has as much practice as possible in the types of papers and questions that will determine their level of success next year and develop the habits of preparation now.

We will therefore be running our first set of Mock Examinations from 5th – 16th March. These will consist of the sections of actual GCSE papers for which they've covered the curriculum and these will provide the best indication yet of how they are performing academically.

They need your support.

This is now the time to focus on maximising your child's performance and every minute must count. Please ensure they:

- Attend school every day and with the right attitude so nothing distracts from their learning.
- Attend all interventions as these are essential for them to catch up on work missed in previous years.
- Plan their revision at home using the attached revision timetable. Cramming at the last minute is the least effective revision strategy, while little and often will give them the best chance of success.
- Utilise online platforms such as GCSE Pod, MyMaths and Show My Homework.
- Ensure they get plenty of exercise, sleep and eat healthily.

This is a critical time in your child's educational career and excelling in year 10 is the best possible preparation for year 11. It is therefore vital that no time is wasted in our collective endeavours to help them achieve their goals.

Yours sincerely,



Marcus Huntley
Principal