



4 January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11 Students

May I take this opportunity to wish you a "Happy New Year" and hope that you and your families had a pleasant Christmas holiday.

Today as you will be aware, we have formally given out the GCSE mock examination results to your child. These examinations are referred to as 'mock' since they are an attempt to duplicate the situation that will arise when all Year 11 students take their external examinations in May and June 2018. To further add to this, we also gave out the results in a "Mock Examination Results Day". We hope that the experience of getting a set of results in this way will enable your child to feel both a sense of achievement and encourage them to continue to focus on preparing for their final examinations in order to allow them to achieve their full potential. Your child will also have had a bespoke mentoring appointment with their tutor.

Heads of Department and subject teachers have already analysed the results and have highlighted areas that students will need to focus on over the coming months. Staff will be working with all of the students in their classes to ensure that they have the knowledge, understanding and exam strategies to perform at their best in the final examinations this year.

Despite the fact that these examinations are effectively a practice, it was important for students to receive their results altogether and be given an appointment with their form tutor to discuss the results and the implications for them. This interview was put in place as well to reassure students if their results were not as they had hoped.

It is 20 weeks until the start of the GCSE examinations proper and in the intervening time we have the issuing of Year 11 reports on 31st January, a Year 11 Revision evening of various activities for you and your child to participate in on 28th February, and a second set of mock examinations in March. Mrs Walton will also see each Year 11 student individually to ensure that they have had all concerns and plans for progress in place

I will be addressing Year 11 in an assembly about the process on Monday morning. If you have any questions regarding the results or any other subject queries, please do not hesitate to contact the subject teacher or Head of Department initially, and Mr Hampton Head of Year 11 if you have more than one concern. Mr Hampton will also be available for individual appointments with parents should you have immediate worries that you would like to discuss.

Yours faithfully

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