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Dear Parents/Carers

Module 4 Year 11

As your child's Head of Year, I would like to inform you of the recent steps that the Year 11 tutors and I have taken to ensure your child can achieve their potential in the upcoming mocks and final GCSE exams. We are providing tools, strategies and tips to help organise and support our Year 11 students.

This began on the first day back of this module where Mr Dominy (Assistant Headteacher) and I delivered an assembly to all Year 11 students. We have provided all Year 11 students with a pack and achievement folder containing key dates and revision strategies to ensure that all students are informed and prepared for exams. This pack includes sections such as;

- GCSE summer exam timetable (draft)
- How to set SMART targets
- Where I am now (current mock and predicted grades)
- Useful dates calendar (to include positive things coming up)
- How to construct a revision timetable
- What I need with me in the exam

As we want to keep you involved and informed in this entire process, the cover page includes sections for both the student and parent to sign when complete. I would encourage you to engage with this process, so that teachers and parents are working together in the best interests of your child.

We have also been able to purchase and provide revision materials for English, Mathematics and Science for all students, free of charge. To further support revision, a new GCSE revision club timetable has been distributed to students covering an extensive range of subjects.

The key message from our assembly was to instruct students to get organised in preparation for their upcoming mocks and formal examinations. They can start this every day by making sure they are ready for lessons by arriving punctually and with the appropriate equipment. I ask that you help to reiterate

this message with a conversation at home. Every minute your child now spends in a lesson is now vital and could make the key difference when they are sat in a formal examination.

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Upcoming Mocks

The next set of mock exams for Year 11 will cover only core subjects: English, Mathematics and Science. This will take place from 4th March until 8th March. One major change this year will be in how the students receive their results. In order to make the experience as realistic as possible, on Tuesday 26th March, they will receive these results in an envelope in the main hall, just as they would when given their final GCSE grades. These results will be the grades they achieved in their mock exams. We will also be sending home a predicted grade in the school report which may not reflect their performance in the mock exams.

We all share the same goal that our talented young people do the best they possibly can, ensuring that they come away with the appropriate representation of their abilities in these upcoming exams. GCSE exams are the culmination of 12 years of education. it is vital that as we approach the finish line, we work together to support and lift these young people to achieve their very best. We must embody our school motto, "Achieving Together".

If you have any questions, please contact the school and ask for myself or your child's form tutor. We will endeavour to answer any and all questions you may have.

Yours faithfully,

Mr R Greene <u>Head of Year 11</u>