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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Re: Year 11 Mock Exams**

I wanted to take a moment to share with you how proud I am of our Year 11 students. They have just completed their first week of mock exams and are now starting their second week, and have absolutely smashed it!

From when I first took over as Head of Year back in Year 9 to now, the transformation has been incredible. Back then, they were still finding their feet – children figuring things out. Last week, as I looked around the exam hall, I saw focused, determined young adults taking their future seriously. What a journey it has been – and it is only just beginning.

Over the past few years, there have been ups and downs – some of which we can laugh about now – but through it all, our Year 11's have kept going. They have faced challenges head-on, shown resilience when things were tough and grown stronger and more capable with every step they have taken.

The maturity, focus, and determination they have shown, especially during these mock exams, make me incredibly proud. They have proved that when they put their minds to something, they can achieve far more than they ever thought possible. The calm committed atmosphere in the exam hall last week was a true reflection of how far they have come – and it was wonderful to see so many of them supporting one another, encouraging friends, and giving their all.

It has been such a privilege to be their Head of Year and to watch them grow, not just as students, but as confident, kind, and ambitious young adults finding their way in the world. Each one of them has their own strengths, goals, and their own story – and I could not be prouder of the way they are shaping their future.

I hope all students took some time over the weekend to rest, recharge, and reset before the second week of mocks begins today. They deserved it!

We now have just 23 school weeks left until GCSE exams begin – that is approximately 575 lessons remaining, and every single one is an opportunity to grow, refine, and prepare.

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A few practical reminders that would be helpful for you to support with:

- **Only clear water bottles are allowed in the exam hall.**
- **Seating plans may have changed, so please double-check before each exam.**
- **Clear pencil cases only.**
- **Phones must stay in bags, not pockets.**
- **Catch-up sessions will take place next week for anyone who has missed an exam.**

Now, as we enter the final stretch, every lesson attended, every bit of revision completed, every question asked, and every small step forward will make a difference. They have already proven what they are capable of – now it is about consistency, belief, and determination.

Let us keep encouraging them to believe in themselves, to work hard, and to remember that they are capable of amazing things. This is their time to shine – to show what they have learned, how much they have grown, and what they can achieve when they give it their very best.

Yours faithfully

Miss M Rowe  
Head of Year 11

