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Mock Examinations – English Language and Mathematics

Dear parents and carers,

We are now nine school weeks away from the start of the summer examination season. Year 11 sat a full suite of mock examinations in January and are now having detailed feedback and follow up teaching based on what the examinations revealed about their progress and next steps.

Success in GCSE English and Mathematics is important in unlocking future opportunities and is a requirement for gaining a place in Sixth Form and at college or apprenticeships. For this reason, we are providing a further opportunity for students to prepare for these core subjects. Year 11 students will be sitting mock examinations in English Language on the 25th and 26th and Maths on the 15th and 16th April. These examinations will give their teachers' vital information on areas of strengths, weakness and misconceptions at an individual level.

Mock examinations are a helpful element of GCSE preparation. The examinations provide an opportunity to embed and test student knowledge and understanding and to gain further experience of the format and question style of a GCSE paper. They enable teachers and students to identify areas which need further work and they are an indication of the likely grades each student will achieve in their final examinations. Therefore, it is imperative that students are well prepared. Students should now be well on with their personal revision and staff have been guiding students with subject specific advice and will continue to do so over the coming weeks. Further revision advice and specific resources, including past papers, can be found on the revision zone which all students have access to via Office 365.

Please ensure that your child is aware of the dates and times of their exams. All morning sessions start at 9.00am. Students are required to be present at the correct venue at least ten minutes before the scheduled start of the examination with the equipment they will need for the exam.

Wednesday 25 March

9.00am English Language Paper

Thursday 26 March

9.00am English Literature Paper

Wednesday 15 April

9.00am Mathematics Paper 1 (**non-calculator**)

Thursday 16 April

9.00am Mathematics Paper 2 (**calculator**)

We wish all our students every success.

Yours sincerely

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