



Date: Thursday 17th December

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Many thanks for your support in ensuring that your child attended the first series of mock exams held last week. You will be pleased to know the exams ran smoothly; students took these seriously, conducted themselves appropriately and came with the correct equipment.

Please note that there are a number of **Year 11 external exams** in the new year. These include:

Thu, 07 Jan 2021, BTEC Music: The Music Industry

Mon, 11 Jan 2021, Cambridge National, Sport Studies: Contemporary Issues in Sport

Thu, 04 Feb 2021, BTEC IT: Effective Digital Working Practices

Fri, 05 Feb 2021, BTEC Health and Social Care: Health and Wellbeing

To support students in preparing for these external exams, subject teachers will be providing feedback to students on the mock exams this week to ensure they are clear on areas of improvement needed to inform their independent revision. A report to parents on student outcomes for the first series of mock exams will be issued in the new year ahead of the Year 11 parents evening.

Our attention now turns to the second series of mock exams which I can confirm will take place week commencing **Monday 7th February 2021**. Examinations will take place in the following subjects: English Literature, Science, History and Geography. The exam timetable will follow in the new year.

To support students in preparing for these assessments, we will be running mock exam revision sessions in English and Geography. These will be held every Thursday, week beginning Monday 5th January. English sessions will be held in the mornings and Geography will take place after school.

As per previous for revision sessions at the end of the school day, students will get a short break and refreshments before starting their session promptly at 3.30pm. These sessions will last for approximately 45 minutes. Transport home will need to be arranged. The English session will commence at 8am. Students should report straight to HH03. They will be released in time for registration at 8.45am. We would certainly encourage students to attend as many sessions as they can to reap the benefits of the additional teacher support that is available.

Having spoken directly to both the Head of Science and History, I am informed that they have planned curriculum time to support the students in preparing for their mock exams in lessons.

Science will be dedicating the first three weeks of the new term to prepare students for the exams as well as giving them revision checklists to support their independent revision. In addition, due to the government reducing the amount of content that Historians have to cover in their exams as a result of COVID, the History teachers have finished teaching the required content and the focus in lessons moving forward is reviewing core knowledge and skills.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your continued support.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kindest regards,

Mrs D Clayfield