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Dear Families,

As we approach the Year 11 Mock Examinations, it is essential to reinforce the critical importance of your child attending school every day in the run-up to their Mock examinations, arriving punctually and being present for every scheduled Mock examination. The weeks leading up to the Mocks are a particularly important period for consolidating knowledge, developing examination skills and addressing gaps in understanding. Every lesson missed is a missed opportunity to prepare, and consistent attendance during this time is essential in ensuring that students are fully equipped to perform to the best of their ability.

This is a crucial stage in your child's GCSE journey. The Mock Examinations provide an important opportunity for students to demonstrate their current knowledge and understanding, identify areas for improvement and prepare for the expectations of their final GCSE examinations. The outcomes will also help us identify where additional support and intervention may be required to maximise their progress.

Every lesson provides valuable opportunities for students to revisit key knowledge, practise examination techniques, address misconceptions and receive targeted guidance from their teachers. Missing lessons, arriving late or taking time away from school unnecessarily can have a significant impact on learning and leave students at a disadvantage during this important period.

We recognise that genuine illness and unforeseen circumstances can occasionally affect attendance. However, we ask that family holidays, appointments and other avoidable absences are not scheduled during this important period wherever possible. If your child is genuinely unwell or there are circumstances affecting their ability to attend, please inform the school through the usual reporting procedures at the earliest opportunity.

As parents and carers, your encouragement and support are invaluable. Please speak with your child about the importance of making the most of every school day and the responsibility they have to attend and participate fully in their examinations. Year 11 is a pivotal year, and the habits and commitment demonstrated now will play an important role in determining the progress students make in the months ahead. We want every student to approach their Mock examinations with confidence, preparation and a clear understanding of the expectations in place.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Working together, we can help ensure that every student has the strongest possible opportunity to achieve their potential.

Yours sincerely,

G T Aldred

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