

Our Ref: DSH/MGR

8th February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Mock Assessment Update

I would like to inform you that all Year 11 students will be undertaking mock assessments between week commencing **7th March and 14th March**. This is an essential opportunity for students to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding prior to the summer exam season. It will enable students to experience exam conditions and demonstrate their knowledge and understanding to help inform next steps to ensure maximum success.

I am pleased to report that our Year 11 students have been working extremely hard to ensure they unlock their full potential in the upcoming exam period. Teaching and support staff continue to support students to plug any gaps in knowledge, and are providing extensive support and resources to promote success - much of this can be found in your child's Google Classrooms.

It is vital that students attend these assessments as the evidence will also be used to finalise predicted grades to support applications to Further Education. Therefore it is important that we have a precise and accurate picture of attainment at this stage.

Although the government is firmly committed to exams going ahead as planned in summer 2022, we do have contingency plans in place in the unlikely event that your child tests positive and has to follow government isolation guidance or exams have to be cancelled again because of the pandemic. These assessments will ensure students have adequate evidence to support teacher assessed grades if required later in the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership. Staff in our Academy are very sensitive to the pressure this places on our students. If you have any concerns about your son or daughter's health or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Our Learning Managers work particularly closely with students in their year group and are very experienced in offering any aspect of advice, guidance and support during examination and assessment periods.

Please continue to support and encourage independent study at home to prepare your child for this assessment period. You will find a timetable for the assessment period attached to this letter.

Mr Watson has also recorded a video explaining all you need to know about the mocks and how they will run in school. I hope you find this useful and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Please see the link to the video https://drive.google.com/file/d/14P9qe5I_TeAgZPIF_wjt-Mw9zHBGd3/view?usp=sharing. This letter is also available on the website with the link attached.

We are hoping that examinations will go ahead as planned and should start week commencing 16th May 2022. As soon as we have more information, we will pass it on to you.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs D Sheehan
Principal