

8th January 2024

Dear parents and carers

There are some key dates and information for Year 11 students and parents/carers that occur this term. All of these are an essential part to preparing your child for their public GCSE exams that start in May. In order to help you support your child and for us to effectively work together I have outlined these below;

18 January

- Year 11 receive their mock results in a assembly that mirrors the way final results are handed out in August.
- Parents and carers receive their child's report including mock and predicted grades
- Parents evening

When you receive your child's report please be aware of the following;

This report contains essential information for your child's success in their public exams that take place in May this year. The results from the December mocks are based on past exam papers and reflect a highly accurate indication of the actual GCSE grade your child is working at in test conditions.

The report also includes your child's **predicted grades** which are based upon their mock results and the evidence teachers have of your child's work in class up until this point. The first step for your child is to understand how to make the progress required to move from their mock result to their predicted grade and then beyond. To assist in this the report includes one specific target area for your child to focus on in the next four weeks before half term.

The **MO** is the grade that your child should be aspiring to as a minimum. If this is higher than the predicted grade it indicates that your child needs to significantly increase their effort in class, homework and attendance at revision sessions.

Week Beginning 22nd January

During this week your child will have a **progress review meeting** with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. You will receive a letter summarising the outcome of that review.

24 January

Year 11 exams evening which every student **needs to attend with a parent or carer**. On this evening;

- The **exam timetable** for the March mock exams will be shared
- Students will sign for their exam board booklet for their final public exams
- Students and parent/carer will attend three seminars, one for English, Maths and Science. This is to help you to support your child in these specific subjects at home.

Please fill in <u>this</u> short form so that resources for the evening can be generated and seminar groups set.

1 March

Mock exams begin and run for two weeks.

18 April

Final report sent to parents/carers. This will include your child's mock results.

By this point we would anticipate that your child is achieving their MO in the majority of their subjects.

13 May

Final public GCSE exams begin.

Thank you for your support as we work with you to help your child achieve their very best GCSE results. Do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any subject specific concerns, wider concerns should be discussed with your child's tutor in the first instance. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding examinations.

Kind regards

Mrs Abbott Deputy Headteacher