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Dear parents and Carers,

With the first of the written GCSE exams just less than 8 weeks away, I am writing to share some things we are putting into place for Y11 to ensure they get the best possible outcomes in their GCSE exams. I have spoken with the Y11 students in assembly this morning to explain following to them.

Firstly, we will be holding a mock results event on Thursday 27th March during the school day. Students will be given their mock results in an envelope to mirror the process of the real results day in August. We will be asking students to complete a reflection exercise to celebrate success and set targets for improvements that can be made in the run up to the final exams. We will be sharing personalised final exam timetables at this event too. Your child's report will be published on MCAS to coincide with this.

We have launched an additional rewards programme for Y11 that encourages positive study and revision habits. This is mostly focused on the use of GCSE Pod and Dr Frost Maths for revision. We are mindful however that not all students will favour revising using these sites, so have putting additional rewards in place for attendance at after school sessions too.

There will be a range of revision sessions available in school during the second week of the Easter break for selected subjects from Monday 7th – Friday 11th April. The timetable for this is below and will be shared with students via Satchel One. I will be asking students to sign up to events using an online link.

	Session 1: 9-11am	Session 2: 11am – 1pm
Monday 7 th April		Business Studies
Tuesday 8 th April	Science	Health and Social Care
Wednesday 9 th April	Science	GCSE PE
Thursday 10 th April	Geography	Drama
Friday 11 th April	Higher Maths	Health and Social Care

This year, there will be no exam leave. Students will remain in school and attend normal lessons until the last whole cohort exam, which is the Physics exam on Monday 16th June. Lessons will continue throughout the examination period. Students with exams after 16th June can just come into school for those exams and then return home afterwards.

We know students are excited about their end of Y11 prom. We stated in our initial letter in the autumn that we would be monitoring effort, behaviour and attendance, and withhold the right to refuse admission where students were not adhering to basic school expectations. In the run up to the summer exams, we will expect the following to be adhered to for students to attend the prom event:

- 95%+ attendance (*from Monday 17th March onwards*)
- No suspensions
- No warning 4s (warning 3s monitored)

- Punctuality to school and lessons, no truancy
- Engagement with GCSE Pod and Dr Frost (this is being monitored weekly)
- Positive engagement with lessons, after school revision and easter school (monitored through revision tracker)

Finally, I would like to thank you all for the support and guidance you are giving to the students at this absolutely crucial time of their academic career.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G Bott

Assistant Head Teacher