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Dear parents and Carers,

We are about to start the Year 11 mock exams which will give us an excellent indication of how well your child is currently doing, and a good indication of how well they may do in the summer exam series.

I think it is fair to say that all Year 11 students have found this first term demanding and challenging as they start to really understand the amount of work that it is necessary to complete, to be able to achieve their target grades across their GCSE subjects. I want to say how proud I am of all those students who have been totally dedicated to their studies, including homework and exam preparation since the start of September – I am sure we will start to see this bear fruit in the mock exams.

Students have been taken through the full arrangements and expectations for the exam series, and I hope they are feeling well prepared. All the details for the mocks can be found on the school website under the 'Curriculum' tab. Choose the 'Assessment' option and then 'KS4' option and scroll down the page where you will find all the mocks 2025 information.

Full attendance throughout this key period is vital. We will still be keeping a clear focus on Year 11 attendance from now until the end of the term. Attendance over this next 3-week period, 1st – 19th December, will be used when we are making the final decisions regarding Prom. Students must have 97 – 100% attendance between these dates.

When students work hard, it is also important that they are given the opportunity to have some time to relax together and enjoy time with their friends. With this in mind, should enough students be interested, we are going to arrange a trip to the Metro Centre on Friday 12 December 2025 between 9.00 - 3.00pm, for all students. Any exams planned for this day will be rescheduled so all students can take part.

On Friday 19 December 2025, Year 11 students will be having their formal individual photographs with Tempest Photographers coming into school that morning. For the first time, we will be able to offer students the opportunity to have friendship group and other group photographs, something that I know many students are very keen to be able to do.

The last day will also be a half day with the buses coming to collect students from school at 12.45pm. This should mean that Year 11 students are able to have a lovely end to this very busy term. Students know that when they return in January, time will pass quickly, and we will be expecting them to be focused and working hard right up to the May exams.

Should you have any questions or concerns about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact school and we will be happy to discuss them with you.

Yours sincerely

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