

6 December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Year 11 Mock Results and Future Planning for GCSE Preparation

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some important information regarding current GCSE arrangements for your child. Enclosed with this letter you will find a copy of your son/daughter's recent mock exam results.

The report template looks slightly different to previous years as we have added some other important information. The definitions below will help you to understand the information being shared:

<b>Target Grade</b>	This is the grade that the academy feels your child should be aiming for based on their performance at the end of KS2.
<b>Mock Exam Grade</b>	This is the grade that your child got on their written papers in their recent November exams.
<b>Overall Mock Exam Grade</b>	For subjects where there is an element of Non-Examinable Assessment (NEA), coursework as it used to be called, this is the overall grade achieved combining both written elements and any NEA content. For Combined Science this is the dual award grades achieved by combining all marks from the three science subjects.
<b>Attitude to Learning</b>	This refers to your child's enthusiasm for, and application to, their studies.
<b>Organisation</b>	This comment refers to how well your child organises themselves for study; do they always have the correct equipment and resources.
<b>Homework</b>	This comment refers to the completion of your child's homework – whether they are completing work and the quality of that work.
<b>Needs further discussion</b>	Where the teacher has put a 'Y' in this column it means that they would definitely want to speak with you at parents' evening.

Mr. Hall will continue the extended learning initiative that will involve supporting students who do not complete homework which is set as part of their studies. From **Wednesday 4 January**, any student that does not complete their homework, or fails to put in an appropriate amount of effort, will remain at the end of the day to complete, or improve their work. Parents will receive a text by 1.00 pm on the day to inform you that your child will be expected to stay behind to complete their work. When we have used this initiative in the past, students have been grateful for the extra support.

I would also like to share with you some key dates for 2023. We will be holding the next Year 11 Parents' Evening on **Tuesday 10 January 2023** from 4.00 until 6.30 pm. Appointments should be made via the 'Parents' Evening System' tab on the Quick Menu on the website homepage. The system will be open for booking slots from midnight on Wednesday 14 December 2022. To ensure that you can see all the staff that you wish to talk to, early booking is recommended.

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In order to further prepare students for the summer exams, we have planned a second mock exam series which will provisionally take place from Wednesday 8 March until Friday 24 March. This will give all students the opportunity once again to experience a GCSE setting in preparation for their exams, which will begin formally on Monday 15 May 2023.

Currently, it is the intention of the government and Ofqual to continue with the summer 2023 exam series; and states that it is highly unlikely that there will be any disruption to the summer exam series and that they expect all exams to go ahead as normal. The academy has in place the requested contingency arrangements should there be any issues nearer to the exam season.

Mr. Hall and I would like to thank you for your ongoing support at this important time in your child's education. Should you have any questions or queries about any of the above information, or your child's recent mock performance, please do not hesitate to contact either of us at school via phone or email.

All that remains is for us to wish you and your families a very happy and Holy Christmas and we look forward to working closely with you in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

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