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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to inform you of some important information for the rest of the year regarding your child's time in year 11.

Firstly, I would like to confirm the date of the year 11 mock examinations. The exams will run from the week commencing Monday 13th January and finish on Friday 31st January 2025. They are extremely important in helping to prepare students for their summer examinations. A copy of the examination timetable and intervention timetable are attached, as well as on the school website.

For each individual the mock exams provide an understanding of where their strengths and areas for development are, so that greater focus can be given where it is needed. It also enables students to have a clearer understanding of their predictions prior to beginning their applications for college in Year 11. It is important to note that for the vast majority of students the exams will be completed in the school hall, with each student assigned to a particular desk. Those who are entitled to additional Access Arrangements will be working elsewhere with a member of staff.

In the lead up to the mock exams, please encourage your child to prepare and revise for their exams. Guidance around revision and preparation will continue in tutorial and across the curriculum, including the use of GCSE Pod and other resources. Research shows that healthy diets, plenty of sleep and exercise can help to increase performance in exams and help to reduce stress levels for students.

Attendance and engagement in all lessons is hugely important to ensure that there is no lost learning and to have the very best opportunity of reaching their potential. This also includes engagement in the targeted intervention programme, which is designed to specifically work on identified areas.

For those who have demonstrated a positive attitude this half term and positive engagement, we will be holding a passport to Christmas celebration event on Thursday 19th December, following the successful event in October.

Finally, I would like to confirm the date of the Year 11 prom as Thursday 3rd July 2025. This is a celebration event in recognition of the success of students throughout the school year. This being said students know there are clear expectations for being invited to the prom, such as attendance within school, engagement within lessons, engagement in intervention sessions and behavior both in and around the school building. The Prom Committee has already had an initial meeting and are formulating plans for fundraising.

Thank you for all your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs V Holmes
Head of Year 11