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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 11 Mock Examinations in English, Mathematics, and Science

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Following the successful Walking, Talking Mocks series recently undertaken, we have listened to feedback from students and staff around 'exam experience'. To ensure that we are able to begin introducing Year 11 students to 'exam conditions', and without placing undue stress around the process, we are planning to run a short series of core subject assessments to support this. Please see details below.

The mock examinations in English, Mathematics, and Science are scheduled to take place from December 4th to December 6th. These assessments are an essential part of the preparation process, providing students with a valuable opportunity to familiarise themselves with the examination format, assess their current understanding of the subjects, and identify areas that may require additional attention as a way of follow up from the successful walking talking series they have just completed.

Details of the Mock Examinations:

Subjects: English, Mathematics and Science

Dates: December 4th to December 6th.

Access Arrangements: All necessary access arrangements will be in place to ensure that each student has the support required for a fair and accurate assessment.

Timetable: A detailed timetable outlining the specific timing for each examination will be provided to both students and parents in advance. This timetable will help students manage their time effectively and ensure they are well-prepared for each examination.

Purpose of the Mock Examinations:

Preparation: The mock examinations serve as a crucial tool for preparing students for the challenges they will face in their final exams and build confidence following the walking talking mock. Having a chance to complete an assessment under exam conditions **independently**, after having been coached through a paper and after receiving feedback on what they need to do to improve will be vital to prepare individuals for the final exams in May and June.

Identifying Areas for Improvement: By taking these mock papers, students will be able to identify their strengths and weaknesses in each subject, allowing them to focus on areas that need improvement.

Familiarisation: The mock exams will help students become familiar with the examination environment, reducing anxiety and promoting a more confident approach to the final assessments.

Support and Resources:

Our dedicated teaching staff will continue to provide support and resources to help students succeed during these mock examinations. We encourage students to make the most of available resources, attend revision sessions, and seek assistance when needed.

We appreciate your continued support in ensuring that your child is well-prepared for these assessments. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to working together to ensure the success of our Year 11 students.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Arnold', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Phil Arnold
Headteacher