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Dear Parent

Year 11 Mock GCSE Examinations: Monday 16- Wednesday 25 November 2020

I am enclosing a copy of the timetable for the mock GCSE examinations which begin on Monday 16 November. The timetable also includes key dates for language tests taking place during this term. Your son/daughter will be given a revision timetable and study skills booklet in order to help him/her to use study time more effectively. I am also enclosing an advice sheet for parents which I hope you will find helpful. This information is also available on the school website.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that your son/daughter will be completing a *Non Exam Assessment* (NEAs) in many of their subjects during the course of the year. In Art and Photography, 100% of the overall GCSE grade is awarded through a Non Exam Assessment and in Design Technology, 50% of the overall grade is also awarded through this method. In all languages (including English Language), the NEA will be a teacher assessed speaking accreditation which will appear alongside the final grade. Lastly in PE, 40% of the overall grade is awarded through practical performance which also includes an evaluation of performance in one activity. It is therefore, important that pupils plan effectively throughout the year, not just during the mock examinations. I am enclosing a non-exam assessment information sheet, which states clearly the regulations for submission of this assessment. I would appreciate you reading this through with your son/daughter.

Year 11 tutors and subject teachers will be guiding pupils through their revision programme in school, but pupils also need to be encouraged to organise their time effectively at home. Pupils should also bring revision materials with them to afternoon tutor time as they will be encouraged to do 10 minutes of revision instead of silent reading. All pupils have been set 2 hours of directed study to be completed over the holidays. For those pupils who have already started their revision this should be sufficient preparation and will hopefully allow for some important relaxation and leisure time. It must also be noted that pupils who have not begun their revision will need to complete more than the two hours per subject.

During the examinations, attendance at school is compulsory. However, pupils will be allowed to revise in any session in which they do not have an examination. Pupils should make sure that they bring all the necessary equipment for each exam, including a spare pen. Pens, pencils, rubbers, mathematical instruments and calculator required for an examination must be contained in a clear pencil case or a clear plastic bag.

If you have any concerns or questions about the forthcoming examinations, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Sweeney
Examinations Officer