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### KEY EVENTS FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS

Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to you regarding upcoming assessments and events involving Year 11 students this term. Last year's Year 11 exam results were hugely positive and this was due, in large part, to the frequent and rigorous assessments and mock examinations students sat in preparation throughout the year.

In the week commencing **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September**, all Year 11 students will be sitting their first round of mock examinations in the core subjects of Maths, English and Science. This is a very important first step in assessing students' needs in these key subject areas and we will be basing our teaching and intervention strategies for the rest of this term on the outcome of these exams. As such, we would very much appreciate your support in encouraging your child to prepare thoroughly for these exams. Subject teachers will advise students on the content of these exams and what they should be revising. We will also be publishing a timetable for students in the coming weeks.

In the week commencing **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October**, all students will have a 15-minute interview with a member of the senior leadership team. The purpose of this will be to discuss students' current progress as well as their career aspirations and options for study at post-16.

In the following week (week commencing **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**), all Year 11 students will sit what we call "Walking Talking Mocks" in the core subject areas of English, Maths and Science. These are exams where the Head of Department talks through the exam, the approaches students should take and explains what the questions are asking as well as providing pointers as to how students should structure their answers. Again this was an initiative that proved highly useful for students last year in learning examination technique.

On **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**, there will be a revision skills evening from 6-7 pm. This is intended for both pupils and parents. Further details will be published closer to the date.

Finally, the main student mock examinations for all subjects will take place in the two weeks commencing **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. Once again, further details as well as the mock examination timetable will be published closer to the date.

If you have any queries regarding these exams and arrangements or any other matters regarding your child's education then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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