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17<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Dear Students, Parents/Carers

**Re: Y11 mock examinations**

It is Academy policy that you sit a set of mock examinations as part of your GCSE courses in preparation for your final examinations. I am pleased to be able to send you a timetable of your Mock Examinations, commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015. The mocks will last for two weeks.

Please read the timetable carefully and make a note of when each of your exams are, including the venue and start time. It is vital that you attend all of your exams and be in the canteen at least 15 minutes before the exam starts in order to be registered for the exam, hear the specific exam expectations for each subject and to acknowledge the words of advice from your subject specialist teachers.

It is an expectation that you attend every exam, and all lessons when you are not in exams. If for any reason you are unable to attend, your parents/carers must notify the Academy as per usual requirement via a phone call on 01424 757986 before 8.00am of the morning of your exam.

If you fail to complete an exam, this will have a direct impact on your predicted grades for that subject, which in turn will affect your application to any post 16 provider.

Further expectations for mock examinations are as follows:

- Arrive to the Academy at least 30 minutes before scheduled exam start time.
- Academy rules and policies apply at all times.
- Know your seat number in advance of the exam.
- No mobile phones or technological sources of information are allowed in the exam room.
- You must be in full Academy uniform, no coats allowed in the exam room.
- Equipment needed: A clear pencil case, **black** pens, calculator, pencil, pencil sharpener, rubber and a ruler.
- Water must be in a clear bottle with no label.
- If you are caught talking or cheating you will be disqualified.

These expectations are in line with final GCSE examination expectations.

We acknowledge that year 11 is a stressful time for you, however, it is important that you experience this process for maximum preparation for the final exams. The more comfortable and confident you feel going



through this process and working under these conditions, the less apprehension you will hopefully experience when you sit your final exams.

Sitting mock exams provides subject staff with accurate information of your knowledge, application skills and ability to respond to questions under exam conditions. This will allow your teachers to appropriately plan lessons relevant to your needs as you prepare for your final exams. It also indicates where interventions are needed and specific support can be provided.

I know that the majority of you have been revising for these exams for a long time. Please see the mocks as an opportunity to show us how hard you have been working and your commitment to your education and future. You have the potential to be an outstanding year group and we want to do everything we can to support you in your journey. Your exam results will influence what you do in your future so please continue to revise fully and make the most of your time in lessons and at home. Use the attached timetable to prioritise your revision as failure to prepare is preparation for failure.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you that I am very proud of your achievements so far. I wish you all the very best of luck and I look forward to sharing your results with you at the forthcoming parents evening on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

With best wishes



Ms. J Atkin  
Head of Year 11

