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Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been delighted by the positive approach of Year 11 to the start of the year. As a year group they should be proud of how they have approached the challenge of focusing on their learning and making sure they get the best out of their lessons. A number of students have commented on the calm and focused atmosphere. It has been a good start and the systems that we introduced have been taken on board quickly by many, helping to maximise learning time in subsequent lessons.

Clearly it is really important that we work together to support the students in their exams. The mock examinations begin in November, and starting from this week, we will help students develop techniques to improve their revision. One important thing to do is to look at where there are areas of weakness in each subject. Consequently each subject area has identified an aspect of their course that students found harder in year 10.

All students will do an assessment task on these areas in lessons for each subject from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday October 12<sup>th</sup>. Each Subject Leader will explain to the students what is involved and how they can prepare. The purpose of these assessments is to help the students prepare for their mock examinations and focus on how they can improve.

I look forward to writing to you in more detail next week to explain further how we will support your daughter in preparing for their mocks, their final GCSEs and, importantly, their choices after Year 11. Thank you for all your support. We will also be offering support for parents or carers who are interested in finding out more about how to assist their daughter with their revision at home in a supportive and healthy way.

Yours faithfully

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