

12th February 2021

Dear Pupils and Parents/Carers

As we approach half term, I thought it would be helpful to update you on our plans over the coming weeks for Year 11 in relation to mock examinations and assessment of their final grades. As you are probably aware, schools are not set to reopen until 8th March at the earliest and we are awaiting further guidance (due to be announced on 22nd February) as to the process for reopening school.

Additionally, we are still awaiting the outcome of the Government consultation into the awarding of grades this summer. We anticipate that some form of assessment information will be used to support the Centre Assessed Grades given.

It is, therefore, important that we have clear evidence of pupil understanding to support the judgements being made as well as providing an evidence base that can be used if needed. We plan to hold **mock examinations** in the weeks following Year 11s returning to school - these are currently scheduled to run from **22nd March**. The dates for this are provisional and may change if the date for pupil's returning to school is delayed. Staff will use the mock results alongside classwork and any ongoing assessment information to help them make a judgement.

Whilst it is not possible to guarantee the mocks will take place at this time, I would strongly advise that pupils put into place a clear plan for revision over the coming weeks.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all your efforts at this difficult time and wish you all a happy half term.

Best wishes,

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