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Dear Parent / Carer

Year 10 Summer Mock Exams

Starting on Wednesday 11 June, students in Year 10 will commence their first round of mock exams.

Individual exam timetables have been emailed to both you, and your son / daughter, using their school email account. Please check the details of this carefully and, if you are uncertain of anything, please contact Mr Gilson, the Exams Officer, or Mr Munro, Head of Year:

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In addition, the full mock exam timetable has been shared with students via ClassCharts.

Most students will sit their mock exams in our purpose-built exam venue and in accordance with national regulations for public exams. This will give students an understanding of how public exams are run and one fewer thing to think about when it comes to the real thing next summer, reducing cognitive load and anxiety.

While it is important for students to approach the mock exams seriously, we are committed to minimising any undue pressure and stress through careful preparation and support. Teachers will be preparing students with revision lessons, as well as posting revision materials and guidance on ClassCharts and the school website. Our goal is to ensure that these exams serve as a constructive tool for their continued academic growth and teachers will use the information they provide for future curriculum planning.

As always, attendance is very important and, in light of this, we will be running catchup sessions for any mock exam missed. The results of all mock exams will be published in the end of year report and will be sent to you later this term with further details about this below.

Rank Order Information and End of Year reports

As part of our ongoing efforts to support and motivate our students, we are introducing an initiative across the school called Rank Order Information (ROI). The primary goal of ROI is to boost motivation and provide students with a tangible measure of their progress: by understanding their rank compared to their peers, students can better gauge their efforts and identify areas for improvement.

This term we will be reporting rank order information to students and parents, using results from the summer mock exams. Rank Order Information regarding attendance and learning behaviours will also be included, as there is a strong correlation between attendance and effort in home learning with student outcomes, and therefore ranking.

Students have been introduced to the concept of ROI in assemblies and through informal conversations. The initiative has been successfully implemented in Year 11, taking the model from other high-performing schools and has proven to be an effective tool in enhancing student outcomes. It is also aligned to our school value of 'Truth', as it provides an honest reflection of how students compare to others. This mirrors the national grading system when students sit their GCSE exams in Year 11, where the results are based on norm referencing (comparison to other students in the same cohort) rather than criteria referencing (how students perform relative to what they know).

So, in summary:

- Rank Order Information will be included in Year 10 student reports, which will be emailed home to parents / carers during the week beginning 14 July. Reports will contain a link to a guide providing further information.
- In each subject, students will be ranked against other students in their year group, based on their mock exam score in that subject. Each student's mock exam grades are then averaged to calculate your child's overall rank position in their year group.
- Students will also be ranked for attendance, attitude to learning and home learning.
- Any rank order information displayed publicly will be anonymised.

We believe that this initiative will empower students to take charge of their learning and strive for excellence. However, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish your son / daughter good luck in their upcoming mock exams and thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes



John Bradford
Assistant Headteacher

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