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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Year 11 Mock Exams**

Please find enclosed the timetable for Year 11 mock examinations, which run from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

As stated in Mr McKeating's letter, dated 18<sup>th</sup> January, this set of mock examinations will take place during scheduled lesson time, rather than in the usual way with a traditional exam timetable. This means that students taking the same course, if they are in different classes, may be sitting their examination at different times. It all depends on the individual student's timetable. Therefore, when identifying your child's examination schedule, it is important to refer to the column indicating band or class code. Furthermore, given that most GCSE examinations are at least one and a half hours in length, some examinations may be taking place over the course of two lessons or, occasionally, run beyond the end of the school day. Other departments may have chosen to lead a shorter exam during this mock period. This all depends on the specific requirements of each individual subject.

The major advantage of this approach is that there will be no disruption to lessons. At this crucial period in the run-up to the final GCSE examinations, we feel it is vitally important that Year 11 lesson time across the curriculum is protected as much as possible. This will give all our students the best possible opportunity to maximise their progress over the coming months.

If you have any queries at all regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year, Mr McDonald.

Many thanks in advance for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully,

Dr I Stanton  
Assistant Headteacher