



Year 11 Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move into the final stretch of the Year 11 journey, it is hard to believe how quickly the year has gone. While there is not long to go before the summer examinations, there is still a great deal to focus on, and the coming weeks remain an important and valuable time for our students.

I would like to begin by reflecting on how well the students conducted themselves throughout the mock examination period. They acquitted themselves excellently during the exams, demonstrating punctuality, organisation and a mature approach to what is always a demanding process. We were very pleased with their attitude and conduct during this time.

As we move into the post-mock phase, we recognise that this can be a challenging time for students. Receiving mock results can naturally lead to feelings of anxiety or worry, and with coursework deadlines fast approaching, everything can begin to feel very real. This week's Parents' Evening comes at an important time, and we hope that the opportunity to meet with subject teachers will provide reassurance, clarity and a positive sense of direction for both students and parents/carers.

It is also important to highlight that students still have approximately eight weeks remaining in school before study leave begins. This is extremely valuable time which can make a significant difference to their outcomes. Regular attendance is therefore crucial. At present, Year 11 attendance is lower than we would expect and lower than in previous years. We ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school regularly and makes the most of the teaching, guidance and structured support available during this period.

Finally, I would like to reassure you that plans are well underway to acknowledge the end of their time in school, the last day of school, Friday 1st May will be a memorable day for them. Until then, we will continue to work hard with the students, maintaining a strong focus on learning and maximising the time spent in lessons to ensure they are as well prepared as possible for their final examinations.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr S Robson

Head of Learning for Year 11