



November 2015

Year 11 Exam Preparation

Dear Parent / Carer

As you are aware, Year 11 Mock examinations begin on Monday 23rd November 2015. The timetable, given out at the Core Evening in October, is also on the website in 'Examinations'. The guide to help students prepare for their exams (also given out at the Core Evening) can also be found on the school website. Students should be engaged in a thorough and effective revision programme. Students have been shown how to access past examination papers in many subjects and directed towards revision resources and guides. We distributed a suggested list of revision guides in September and these are available to buy from the school shop.

It is essential that students prepare for their examinations as though they are the 'real thing'. Doing so will ensure that information and data gleaned after the marking and moderation of mocks is meaningful to them and to subject teachers. We use the mocks to diagnose individual students' areas of strength and areas for development and subsequently target teaching and revision accordingly.

Students will receive their examination results on Mock Results' Day on Tuesday 5th January 2016. On this day, we simulate the actual experience of receiving results in August. The aim is to give students the opportunity to experience opening their results' envelope and to explore pathways and consequences of achieving such results in the actual GCSE examinations. Indeed, the Sixth Form Team use the mock results and teachers' professional predictions when considering sixth form applications and places.

As you are aware, Year 11 Parents' Evening is on Thursday 14th January 2016. The focus of the evening will be on discussing students' progress and what they need to do for further improve to impact on their results and progress.

A detailed programme of revision sessions between January and March will be sent out after the mock examinations.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on the number above or jlynam@blpmail.org.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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