



December 2016

RE: Year 11 Mock Results' Day

Dear Parent / Carer

As part of our continued focus on raising attainment, I am writing to inform you of Mock Results' Day on Thursday 5th January 2017.

Year 11 students will receive the results of their recent mock examinations. The experience will be as the actual GCSE results' day will be in August. The aim is to give students the opportunity to experience opening their results' envelope and to explore the pathways and consequences of achieving such results in the actual GCSE examinations.

We anticipate that the day will provide our students with the latest marker of how they are progressing towards their GCSE outcomes and will have an impact on them and motivate them to further improve on specific areas. It will also mark the starting point for the final approaches to our summer exams.

Students will go to the Hall during lesson 4 at a specific time, depending on which teaching band they are in. Students in band X will go to the Hall for period 4a (12.20 – 12.50pm). Students in band Y will go to the Hall for period 4b (12.50 – 1.20pm).

Mr Youngs, Head of Sixth Form and the Senior Leadership Team will be available (as on actual GCSE results day) to discuss pathways, options and implications of the results.

Maths

You will be aware that students are following a new Maths GCSE course and they took 3 "mock" papers devised by the exam board, Edexcel. They will receive a mark out of 240. As grade boundaries have not been issued by the exam board, we have decided not to create and estimate them, as they may provide misleading results. Students' marks will be sent in to the exam board and we hope to receive feedback from them in February. Mr Brawn, will update you all when these come in, in preparation for the March mock.

When students receive their marks on Mock Results' day, they should compare them with the marks they got in the Summer exams (PiXL Curve). They will also receive a PLC identifying topics requiring further work. Teaching will focus on areas of insecurity and students should focus revision on such areas, using their workbooks.

Parents' Evening

You will be aware that Year 11 Parents' Evening is on **Tuesday 10th January 2017**. Subject teachers will have analysed results and you will have the opportunity to discuss results and what your child needs to do to further improve.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on 01296 688264 or by email at jlynam@blpmail.org.uk.

Yours sincerely
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