

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Year Sixth Form Parent, Guardian or Carer,

**Sixth Form Mock Exams Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Mock GCSE exams for all Sixth Form students will take place from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January. These are formal exams that will take place under formal exam conditions in preparation for their AS and A Level exams later in the year.

Please find the Mock Exam Timetable enclosed with this letter. Your child has already been given a copy.

Not every subject has scheduled a mock exam. In subjects where students have spent the Autumn term focusing on completing coursework or students have not yet covered enough of the content to access an exam, they will not be expected to sit a mock exam. In the March Sixth Form Mock Exams students will sit a mock exam in every subject.

Please make sure your child is aware of the importance of these mock exams. They are essential practice for the actual AS and A Level exams next summer. Additionally, results in these exams will guide teaching staff as to how much additional teaching and intervention time your child needs to be ready for the AS and A Level exams in May-June 2017. The better your child does at this stage, and the closer to target grades, the less time your child is likely to need to spend in intervention lessons before or after school, and in the school holidays.

During the mock exams please try to avoid taking your child out of school due to medical or other appointments wherever possible. Also please try to avoid time off school due to sickness unless your child is really quite ill. It is much better if a student takes the exam at the scheduled time with all the other students as it can be quite difficult to schedule catch-up sessions for exams missed – these may have to take place outside of school hours – before school or in the evening. The student will only be given marks if the exam is taken.

In the actual AS and A Level exams there are no opportunities to catch up on exams missed – unless there is medical evidence to show the student was too ill to take the exam the student will lose all the marks for the missed paper.

If you have any questions about these mock exams please do contact the school.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Morey  
Vice Principal