

10<sup>th</sup> November 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 mock exams are now less than a month away. You can find the timetable for these on our [website here](#) – a copy was also handed out during our parents' evening on Wednesday. This featured some helpful conversations around effective preparation, and what students should be focusing on in the run up to these exams.

Even though they are 'mock' exams, preparation is still required. I've never paid that much attention to the grades that students get for these exams, rather it is about drilling into the detail of what knowledge students have committed to memory, and identifying where the gaps are. This information then informs future teaching when we return in January. Students should be engaging in regular revision – if you weren't able to attend our workshops on this earlier in the term you can see the [resources and hints here](#).

Preparation for success doesn't simply start in Year 11 though. All students need to engage with home learning to supplement the work they are doing in lessons. We use Class Charts to set homework for students, and parents can see this through the app. It breaks tasks down into those that need attention, those that are complete and any that are overdue. Your support in making sure these tasks are completed is very helpful for your child's teachers.

With best wishes for the weekend,

Mr Dan Bagshaw

Head of School