

12<sup>th</sup> January 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a hectic return to school following our festive break. Year 10 have been studiously completing their first round of mock exams this week, while Year 11 will receive the results of their mocks on Monday afternoon.

Feedback from mock exams provide students with a detailed understanding of topics where attention needs to be focused in the remaining term of high school. The grades have been worked out using exam board mark schemes and boundaries, and give an indication of what the result could be if the real exams were taken now. But, we still have 70 school days before the actual GCSE exams, plus all of the hard work students are completing at home. Now is the time for absolute focus and dedication as we begin the final push with Year 11. To help studies at home, we are holding a post mock debrief for parents and carers on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 5.30pm - please see the letter from Mr Goude sent home earlier this week.

Mr Thompson has been putting the finishing touches to this years' Options Brochure for students in Year 9. I'm very pleased that we will be able to offer GCSE Business as a new subject in the Pakefield curriculum. Next Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January is an important date for our Year 9s - Mr Thompson will hold an assembly in the morning, with parents and carers invited along to our options presentation and marketplace from 5.30pm. Year 9 will then have a parents' evening on 7<sup>th</sup> February, giving you a further opportunity to meet with subject teachers and ask questions ahead of making final choices.

Year 8 parents and carers also have an upcoming opportunity to meet with their child's teachers on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January. Further details of all our parent evenings, as well as the link to make appointments online, can be found [on our website](#).

With best wishes for the weekend

Mr Dan Bagshaw

Head of School