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Dear Student and Parent/Carer

In order to help the students prepare for their final examinations in their subjects, the week commencing Monday 5th March will be a Year 13 mock exam week. Subjects will be conducting mocks in lessons, but a number of subjects have exams which last longer than 100 minutes. Students have been given a mock exam timetable, containing details of these longer exams, which need to be conducted outside of the normal lesson time. If an exam finishes after the end of the College day, the usual procedure is that students should make their own arrangements for transport home. If they rely on transport currently provided by the College, please do contact me to discuss the options.

In addition to these longer exams, subjects not on the timetable will hold mock exams during a timetabled lesson that week. Subject teachers will inform students about the date of those exams. Students are welcome to take this timetable and ask their teachers about their mock exam data and start filling in their individualised mock exam timetable.

With only ten more College weeks until the A Level exam season begins, I would also like to take this opportunity to remind students about the importance of starting their revision early. Courses have a different amount of content and so will finish at varying times, but students need to find time to start revising year 12 and year 13 content as soon as possible, as their examinations will test their knowledge from both Year 12 and Year 13.

There are a variety of ways to revise and students need to speak to their tutors, teachers or myself if they are unsure where to start. Additionally, nearly all subjects have placed consolidation and revision materials on Google Classroom and if the students have difficulty accessing these they should contact me. Revision, including completing past papers and looking over mark schemes, is very important and should become part of a regular weekly routine. Reading a few examiners reports is an excellent way for students to learn more about key misconceptions and to understand what is needed for the highest grades.

This time of year also brings with it additional stress and worry. One of the best ways to feel in control is to organise a revision or study timetable and plan ahead. When planning this timetable, students should ensure they are also looking after themselves, finding down time to relax, eating well, getting exercise and plenty of sleep.

If students or parents have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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