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Dear Parent / Carer,

Year 11 Update

We are extremely proud of how well our Year 11 pupils have done during their mock examinations throughout the last two weeks. They have shown real determination, hard work and commitment to their studies and these are key characteristics that they will need as we head into the run up to their GCSE examinations which begin in May 2027. They have, quite simply, been amazing!

As a reward for their excellent attitude to learning throughout the mock examination period, we are having a celebratory rewards breakfast with them on Monday morning during Family Time. Pupils will be provided with some tasty treats to help fuel them for the coming days as we begin the important process of completing mock paper analysis and next steps work with them.

In the run up to mock results day and parent's evening, over the next two weeks, Year 11 pupils will be completing important classwork and Big Push sessions that will focus on learning the valuable lessons that they need following their first full set of mock examinations. This work is incredibly important and if missed by pupils, cannot be revisited. Therefore, it is imperative that your child attends school on time every day for the next two weeks so that they can get the vital feedback from their class teachers that they need, and so that they can take part in their final Big Push sessions for their options subjects, prior to these after school sessions moving to core subjects after the Christmas break.

Whilst we do appreciate that pupils have had a very intensive two-week period, with a high volume of examinations, just one day absent from school equates to five or six hours of learning lost, which pupils cannot afford when they are so close to their final GCSE examinations. Therefore, please support us by ensuring that your child is in school, on time, every day in the run-up to mock results day and parent's evening, and we will work with dedication in ensuring that your child receives all of the help that they need in preparation for the GCSE examinations, which start in just a few months.

My thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Anderson-Fitter
Head of Year 11