

7th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 11 Mock Examination results – Tuesday 11th January 2022**

Firstly, I hope you and your families had a restful break over Christmas after all their hard work last term and we look forward to working with you in this final stretch to ensure all our students get their best possible grades in the summer 2022.

As you are aware, Year 11 students have now completed their first set of mock examinations and these have been marked by their teachers. The students fulfilled our high expectations and conducted themselves impeccably over the course of the two weeks. The way they approached the process speaks of their maturity and willingness to focus on achieving their potential. They deserve real credit for this.

There will be a further set of mock examinations in March 2022 for all students and continuous assessment over the course of the year. More details will follow in the coming weeks which outline the process for this next set of mocks which will be taking place in March.

It was important that these mock exams were marked through a formal and robust process, including standardisation and moderation where appropriate. **Students will therefore receive their mock exam results letter on Tuesday 11th January during form time.** We will also be emailing parents these results as well at the same time. We hope that these mock results alongside the earlier tracking report you received in December will guide your discussions with teachers at the upcoming parents evening on Thursday 13th January.

We will start our intervention programme of period 6 sessions for Year 11 students later this half-term (end of January) and full details on how this will be organised will be communicated home in the next two weeks. We will also ensure that pupils are very clear on our expectations on attending these after-school intervention sessions. This will be put in place to support pupils and ensure they are ready for the 2nd set of mocks in March.

Regarding the summer exams, we know these will be taking place but we are still awaiting final clarification on some points from Ofqual and the government in relation to the final content of these exams. This is expected to be published from the 7th February. We will of course communicate this to you when it is appropriate and we feel that we can offer more detailed guidance. There is a link to the Department for Education's guidance on summer 2022 exams below and this sets out all the key information pertaining to the exams due to take place later this year.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/11/11/exams-in-2022-everything-you-need-to-know/>

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It is very important that all Year 11 pupils follow on from these mock examinations with an attitude that looks at addressing gaps in knowledge and additionally focuses on core revision skills. This is why pupils will be asked to complete a mock exam self-evaluation questionnaire later next week. We will use the results of this to support pupils and guide our next steps. We do expect pupils to be revising regularly at home from this point onwards. Studies show that pupils should be expected to be revising approximately 1½ hours a day. We have numerous resources to support them with this and we strongly recommend they use their school revision guides, the school revision zone which can be found on the Acle Academy website and GCSEPod regularly.

If your child needs any help with how to build a revision timetable or information on how to revise please ask them to speak to their form tutor or myself and we can help them develop these skills.

Yours sincerely



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