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Dear Parent / Guardian

I write with a number of updates.

1) Year 11 Exams

We would like to congratulate our Year 11s for all their hard work in leading up to their exams. To further support Year 11, from Monday they will be following a collapsed timetable which will allow them to have revision lessons from a specialist teacher just before each exam. We would like to wish this cohort all the best for the weeks ahead but we are sure all of their hard work will pay off.

2) Year 10 Mocks

The end of year assessments for Year 10 will be starting on the 12th June. These assessments will be taking place in the main hall just like their GCSE examinations next summer. Sitting a set of mock exams in the hall should help students when they come to sit their GCSEs exams next year.

Pupils have been provided with mock timetables, topics lists to revise and have being taught about key revision techniques such as retrieval practice, spacing and how to make a revision timetable through assemblies and form activities. Pupils are also completing a workbook titled How Learning Happens to further help them. Once this workbook is finished they can bring it home which will help them when revising.

3) Year 8 Parents' Evening and Survey

We enjoyed a wonderfully well-attended Year 8 Parents' Evening last week. Thank you to all the parents who attended. As parents of Year 8s may be aware, a link to a school survey was sent out last week on Parentmail. We would appreciate any final responses before Tuesday evening.

4) Changes in Year Group Leadership

After May Half-Term, Deputy Headteacher, Ms Hall will support Year 11s during the rest of the exams period. **Mrs McAuley will take over as Head of Year 9** and take the year group through Years 10 and 11.

Yours faithfully

Mr Neil Jones Headteacher