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Dear Parent/Carer

As I am sure you are aware we are rapidly approaching the Summer Examinations and the end of Year 11. As of 18th March 2022, there are only 29 school days remaining until the first GCSE exam, so everyday counts. The key dates of the summer examinations are:

First GCSE Exam: 16.05.22

Final GCSE Exam: 23.06.22

Year 11 students have now completed their second set of mock examinations. The students met our high expectations and displayed impeccable conduct throughout. The way they approached the process speaks of their maturity and willingness to focus on achieving their potential. They deserve real credit.

We will now follow a formal and robust process of marking, including standardisation and moderation before we share the outcomes. **Students will therefore receive their mock exam results after this process is completed.**

Now that Mock exams are complete, we will resume our program of additional interventions to support students. As of Monday 21st March, we will be resuming Period 6 intervention and morning masterclasses for identified students in each subject. Each child has a personalised timetable. An overview of which subject is on each day is below for your reference:

Monday	Tuesday	Weds	Thursday	Friday
Computer Science	Maths		Science	History
Food Science	Drama		Health and Social Care	Spanish
RE	Media Studies		Geography	French
English	Business		Sport	
Textiles	Art		Child development	
Design/Technology				
Independent study	Independent study		Independent study	Independent study

Students are expected to attend all lessons promptly, including Period 6 is no different. The lessons are planned specifically for the individuals attending, to ensure they continue to make progress throughout the year and are fully prepared for all exams.

Many of our dedicated staff have volunteered their time to work with students over the Easter break. We will have a timetable in place for identified students who will be directed to come in on selected days. As with any intervention we put in place, if we select your child for this it is because it is needed in that subject, to ensure the best possible outcomes. Therefore, it is imperative that they attend and engage with this to support them in the final stages before completion of their subjects. In some subjects this will be essential exam preparation but in others this will be the final stages of coursework which needs to be completed.

The last time I wrote to you I introduced GCSE Pod. This is a resource that all students in Year 11 have now had an induction to and have begun using. Please encourage your child to continue to



use this at home and crucially to support them in preparing for exams. Please see more information for parents about how to use GCSE Pod here - <https://www.gcsepod.com/parent-resources/>

There are many subjects that have Non-Exam Assessments (Coursework or Practical work). These subjects have different deadlines, but it is crucial that your child works to these and if there are any subjects, they have not yet completed work in, that this is complete and submitted by the deadline. **A list of these deadlines can be seen here:**

Subjects	NEA/coursework	Final Deadline Date	What % of the course is it worth?
Health and Social	R022 - Communication	8th April	25%
	R031 - First Aid		25%
Sport Studies	R052: Developing Sport Skills	8th April	25%
	R053: Sports Leadership		25%
Child Development	R019: Understand the equipment and nutritional needs from birth to five	26th April	30%
Art and Design	Component 1- portfolio	27th April	100%
Photography	Component 1- portfolio	27th April	100%
Textiles	Component 1, Portfolio	7th April	100%
Food science	Food NEA task 2- Food Preparation Task	29th March	50%
Design and Technology	Design and Technology NEA	29th March	50%
GCSE Media Studies	GCSE Media Studies (8572/c)	1st April	30%
Drama	Devising	7th April	20%
Drama	Texts in practice	7th April	10%
Spanish	Oral exam	28 th – 1 st April (mock)	25%
French	Oral exam	28 th – 1 st April (mock)	25%

All students have received support and guidance with their destination in September, whether this be college, apprenticeship, sixth form or something else. Well done to most of the Year group who have at least one offer. I would like to remind all parents that it is a legal requirement for students to be in a form of education or training until they are 18. Please continue to support your child and contact school if you need any support or information regarding your Child’s next steps.

I hope you have found it useful to hear about some of the ways in which we are supporting Year 11 in this crucial stage of their education. Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully,

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