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HEADTEACHER: Mrs R Skelton

Dear Parent/Carer

This afternoon your son/daughter has been part of a mock results day and has received their full set of mock exam results.

We are really proud of how well the Year 11 students have risen to the challenge of the most recent exams and have taken pride in their achievements. This afternoon they have all received an ice cream treat to say well done.

As we enter the last few weeks prior to the exams (there are now only 16 school days until the first English exam and there are speaking, art and IT exams prior to this) we have put in place a number of strategies to help them to further improve their attainment in the exams.

**Easter holiday intervention** - a number of subjects are running subject booster days during the Easter holidays. You will shortly be receiving a letter to let you know which ones your son/daughter has been invited to attend. Please encourage them to come into these sessions as they will be focused on the areas for development from their mock exams.

**Morning interventions:** some changes will be made to the morning interventions during registration based on mock exam performance. These will be focused on the question level analysis to ensure that areas covered support the identified areas for development.

**After school revision** - students are able to attend a range of these at the end of the school day. Attendance has recently dropped off and we would encourage you to ask your son/daughter to attend these sessions.

**Mission Possible** - each morning on their way into school students are being asked an English question and a maths question. These have all been designed around key questions which will help them to secure marks especially at grade 4. The Mission Possible questions are shared daily on Facebook so that you can also ask them. All questions are shared with students through a google classroom so that they can return to them at a later date.

**Breakfast booster sessions** - on exam mornings booster sessions for the morning exam start at 8am in the main school hall. This allows students to get settled into school prior to the start of the exam and to get last minute reminders of key hints and tips. Students are also able to get some breakfast to ensure that they are ready for the day.

**Personalised timetables** - once we get into the main exam period all students will receive a personalised timetable with specific booster sessions during the school day linked to their exams

We know that this is not an easy time and that some of our students will be feeling the pressure. If you are concerned about your son/daughter please do contact us so that we can put in place additional support.

You can also seek exam stress support through accessing services such as Kooth (<https://www.kooth.com/> and <https://explore.kooth.com/the-exam-stress-collection/> ) If you would like further information on how you can support with exam stress at home you can find a useful



guide on the Young Minds website: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/exam-time/>

Thank you for all you have done to support your son/daughter as they prepare for their final exams. We appreciate that this can also be a stressful time for parents too. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at the school

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Skelton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'R'.

Rachael Skelton  
Headteacher