

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

## **Mock 1 Examinations**

Dear Families,

This week has been the first of two for the Class of 2024 as they undertake their Mock 1 examinations for their GCSEs. Their grit, determination, focus and hard work has certainly made me incredibly proud as their Head of Year and I know that advisors and teaching staff feel the same. I would like to take this opportunity to appreciate you for your support in everything you have done to help us to enable your child to be successful in these exams.

Whilst these are mock examinations, they do form the basis for our teachers to give scholars their predicted GCSE grades. These predicted grades are then what scholars will write on their applications for college, sixth form, or apprenticeships and as such are incredibly important. You may have also seen on the news about last month's Ofqual guidance which stated that if there was a situation later in the academic year whereby exams were to be cancelled, then mock examination grades will be the basis for teacher assessed grades, further demonstrating their importance.

Mock examinations will continue into next week. Your child should by now have multiple copies of the mock examination timetable and I have included a copy on the reverse of this letter, so please do familiarise yourself with it. Please continue to support our three-way partnership by helping your child revise and checking that they are following their revision timetable.

Before the end of this term, we will be holding a Mock 1 Results Evening. At this event, you and your child will be invited into the academy, where there will be a talk by the Principal, and your child will receive their Mock 1 and Predicted Grades. Year 11 advisors, teaching staff and I will then be on hand to discuss your child's grades along with the next stage of the process: applying for college, sixth form, or apprenticeships. Please look out for further information about this in the coming weeks.

As always: if you have any questions, queries, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,



**Alexander Conlon**  
Head of Year 11

