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Dear Parent / Carer

GCSE Mock Examinations: Tuesday 23rd April to Monday 29th April 2019

I am writing to provide you with information regarding the arrangements for the GCSE mock examinations, which will run from Tuesday 23rd to Monday 29th April inclusive. I have also written to the pupils, providing them with this information and advising them how they should approach their revision.

In just over 12 months time, the actual GCSE examinations will be taking place; the outcome of the examinations will play a large part in determining what pupils are able to do in the next stage of their education, training or employment.

The new GCSE courses are very demanding qualifications. Removal of coursework and controlled assessment, from most subjects, means that all of the marks contributing to the final grade are a result of the performance in the final examinations; because of this, mock examinations are now more important than ever.

Pupils need to prepare for the mock examinations as if they were 'the real thing', so that they can get an accurate picture of how they are performing.

They are also very important for teachers to allow them to get an accurate indication of each pupil's examination performance, enabling them to support pupils effectively in the preparation for Year 11.

Arrangements for the mock examinations, for the reasons outlined above, are a crucial step in the preparations for next May. We have, therefore, organised them in this way, in order to replicate the GCSE examination conditions as closely as possible.

I enclose the following information:

- Examination Timetable
- Effective Revision
- JCQ Notice to Candidates - Expectations

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Happy Easter.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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