

31st January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Mock Assessment Update**

I would like to inform you that all Year 11 students will be undertaking mock assessments between the **3rd March and 17th March**. This is an essential opportunity for students to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding prior to the summer exam season. It will enable students to experience exam conditions and demonstrate their knowledge and understanding to help inform next steps to ensure maximum success.

I am pleased to report that our Year 11 students have been working extremely hard to ensure they unlock their full potential in the upcoming exam period. Teaching and support staff continue to support students to plug any gaps in knowledge, and are providing extensive support and resources to promote success - much of this can be found in your child's Google Classrooms.

**It is vital that students attend these assessments as the evidence will also be used to finalise predicted grades to support applications to Further Education.** Therefore it is important that we have a precise and accurate picture of attainment at this stage.

Although the government is firmly committed to exams going ahead as planned in summer 2022, we do have contingency plans in place in the unlikely event that your child tests positive and has to follow government isolation guidance or exams have to be cancelled again because of the pandemic. These assessments will ensure students have adequate evidence to support teacher assessed grades if required later in the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership. Staff in our Academy are very sensitive to the pressure this places on our students. If you have any concerns about your son or daughter's health or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Our Learning Managers work particularly closely with students in their year group and are very experienced in offering any aspect of advice, guidance and support during examination and assessment periods.

Please continue to support and encourage independent study at home to prepare your child for this assessment period. You will find a timetable for the assessment period attached to this letter.

There will be an online parent and student information session on **Thursday 3rd February at 4pm** through your child's Google Classroom which I hope you can attend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Ferrarelli". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E".

Emma Ferrarelli

Associate Vice Principal