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Dear <parental salutation>

Year 11 Mock Examinations

As you will already be aware, there will be no external GCSE examinations this year. I am writing to share further information with you regarding the Teacher Assessed Grades process and upcoming assessments for Year 11 students.

I would like to share with you, some key information released by Ofqual, the examinations regulator, in relation to Teacher Assessed Grades. Ofqual have said that schools:

- must use a range of evidence to generate teacher assessed grades
- can consider the standard at which each student has performed over the course of their study
- can include work already completed as well as that which will be completed in the weeks and months to come
- are to use a process in which teachers will use their professional judgement to balance the full range of evidence available for all students
- use recent evidence as it is likely to be more representative of student performance

The above information has also been shared with your child and students have had an opportunity to be able to ask questions in relation to the above.

We have explained to students that we will continue to assess their progress over the coming months in order to determine their Teacher Assessed Grade. Any future assessments will only cover content already delivered to date.

Students will sit mock examinations for all GCSE subjects and some BTEC subjects. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to demonstrate their progress since their last formal assessment and will be used as part of the process to generate Teacher Assessed Grades. Mock examinations will take place the week before the Easter break from Monday 29 March 2021 until Thursday 1 April 2021. All mock examinations will take place during normal lessons in the Concert Hall, with appropriate social distancing measures in place. I have enclosed a copy of the mock examination timetable and a booklet which outlines the topics that will be assessed during this period. Your child will receive a personalised examination timetable closer to the exam series.

Following mock examinations, <student's name> teachers will continue to complete further mini assessments, in lessons, which will again be used as part of the Teacher Assessed Grade process. This will continue until 18 June 2021.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you that Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 29 April 2021. Further information will follow to outline the purpose of this evening and to share information regarding the booking of appointments.

At present, we are waiting for the Department for Education to announce a leaving date for Year 11 students; we will share this with you once we have this information.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and reassure you that as an Academy, we are fully committed to ensuring no student is disadvantaged and to support your child to excel.

Yours sincerely



Miss Lindsey Maycock
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	Period 1 and 2	Period 3 and 4	Periods 5 and 6
Monday 29 March		History Geography	Science
Tuesday 30 March	English Literature		Hospitality Engineering Business
Wednesday 31 March	Religious Education Construction (Option C group)		English Language
Thursday 1 April	French Sports Studies Construction (Option B group) Health and Social Care	Maths	
Friday 2 April	Good Friday		