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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Year 10 High-Stakes Mock Examinations – Monday 10th to Friday 21st November**

We hope this letter finds you well. As we approach an important point in the school year, we'd like to share some key information about the upcoming Year 10 high-stakes mock examinations, which will take place from Monday 10th to Friday 21st November.

These mock exams are a significant milestone for our students. They offer a valuable opportunity to experience what real GCSE exams will be like, helping to build confidence, resilience, and good exam habits. The results will also help teachers identify where each student is thriving and where extra support may be needed as we move into Year 11.

We know this can feel like a big step for many students, but we want to reassure them, and you, that the aim of these exams is to *help* them, not to add unnecessary pressure. What matters most is that students give their best effort, approach the exams with a positive attitude, and use the experience to learn and grow.

We would really appreciate your support in encouraging regular revision at home, ensuring students have a quiet space to study, and helping them maintain a healthy balance of work, rest, and relaxation. Good routines, such as getting enough sleep and eating well, can make a real difference.

Parents and carers have been emailed a copy of the examination timetable, please do take a moment to go through this with your child - it's a great way to show your encouragement and interest in their progress.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Working together, we can help our Year 10 students approach these mocks with confidence and pride in their achievements. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher, form tutor or Head of Year through the 'Contact Us' section of the school website.

Warmest regards

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Assistant Headteacher

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Head of Year



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