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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 13 mocks

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Happy New Year. We know that it has been an anxious time for our Year 13 students and their families, and the announcement by the Prime Minister on Monday has again changed our plans at the very last minute. With that in mind, I wish to appraise you of the revised procedures for our Year 13 students with regards to their January mock exams.

We are keen to provide an opportunity for the students to act upon the revision that they have done over Christmas and to see the value of their endeavors. We cannot run mocks in the usual way, so instead next week we will hold a **Year 13 assessment week**. These assessments will have the benefit for the students of their teachers being able to provide valuable feedback on their work. The parameters of the assessment week and reporting points are as follows:

- Students will undertake one assessment per subject
- These assessments will take place in teaching blocks during the second half of next week (Wednesday 13th January onwards). The other teaching slot next week will be used for online lessons as normal. This means that the students are not on study leave next week
- The class teacher will send the students the paper at the start of the allotted time via Google Classroom.
- The class teacher will stipulate the time it should be returned by. Students will be given an appropriate amount of time to complete the assessment
- Any assessments that are not returned on time without a valid reason will be marked as a U

At the time of writing, we have no further information about how A level grades will be awarded to our Year 13 students. There will be a lot of thoughts, I am sure, about Centre Assessed Grades and what happened last year. At this moment, it is unwise to hypothesise about what may or may not happen, but what is vitally important is that students continue to focus on their studies and engage

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with their learning. These assessments are part of that learning process and students should be reassured that they will not, on their own, be used to calculate any sort of final grade teachers may be required to give. We very much want to get the students back into the rhythm of school life and to maintain their studies fully until the end of their programme of study. This is crucial for the next stage of their education, whatever else may happen. The message we will be giving out to the students, therefore, is very much 'business as normal'.

We very much appreciate your ongoing support and thank you in advance for continuing to work with us in the provision of remote education of our students.

Yours sincerely,

Mr H Pandya
Assistant Headteacher

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