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Dear Parent/Carer

As the second week of mock examinations starts, I wanted to keep you informed of how Year 11 are managing the demands of this process.

The team involved with the abovementioned, which includes formally trained JCQ invigilators, have been most impressed with the attitudes displayed by almost every member of the group and it is anticipated that this will show through in their respective outcomes.

I am sure we will all remember the demands of Year 11 ourselves and the pressure of formal testing and therefore students need to be praised for their efforts. On this note, there will be a Year 11 SLT Parents' Evening on Monday 20th April 2026 in which outcomes will be shared, closely mirroring the process that will occur when students receive their outcomes in late August 2026.

There are, however, one or two instances where late arrivals have occurred and this does have a disruptive impact on all those students already sitting their mock examinations. Where a student does arrive late, this also means that they still have to sit the full time of their examination and this impacts their day as well. I would welcome your support in this area ensuring that all Year 11s arrive promptly and in line with the timings that have been provided – as it is at the Academy's discretion whether a student is admitted to an examination if they arrive late (if this is within a reasonable timeframe as if it isn't, they cannot be permitted at all).

The only other area of concern raised by the team centres on the use of the toilet during the examination. As I am sure you can imagine, movement is kept to a minimum to prevent disturbing others and it would be hoped that with only minor exception all students can endure on average 90 minutes of examination without the need to exit. Toilet facilities are open and students are able to use them from the point of arrival and encouraged to have access prior to examinations. Again, we would be grateful for your support in this matter but also invite communication if you know of an issue in this area for your child that would prevent them from managing a whole examination.

Once again, there has so far been a mature, disciplined and conscientious approach being demonstrated by these fabulous members of Year 11 and they continue to be wished every success in these crucial final mock examinations.

Yours sincerely

Matt Forrest
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