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Dear Parents/carers

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful time during the Christmas break.

As we begin a crucial term for Year 11 pupils, and finish content in lessons and begin preparing for their final set of mock examinations, I wanted to relay to parents and carers important messages that the year group have heard over the first days of the term.

As a school we are very proud of Year 11, how they conducted themselves during the mock examinations before Christmas, but also their attitude since, when receiving feedback from their teachers and for their efforts in lessons. This must continue, we began Year 11 with 139 teaching days until examinations begin and on Wednesday 8th January, we had 68. All pupils need to make the most of every minute left in preparing for their examinations.

To do so, attendance at school must be a priority. As a year group we have started this week strongly, the best in the school. The table below shows the impact attendance had on the mock results in English and maths, you will see that as attendance decreases so does the percentage of 4+, 5+ and 7+ grades:

Attendance %	4+	5+	7+
<b>95% and above</b>	66%	47%	11%
<b>85%-90%</b>	67%	11%	0%
<b>Less than 80%</b>	17%	8%	0%

This data clearly shows the impact attendance is having on attainment in Year 11, your child needs to be in school to achieve brilliant GCSE results.

Further to this I wanted to remind you of key dates for your diary in the coming weeks:

- Mock information evening and prom launch Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February
- February half term revision sessions: Monday 17<sup>th</sup>-Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February
- Mock examinations: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March
- Parents Evening (in person) and examination information evening: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March



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- Easter revision sessions: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April
- GCSE examinations begin: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May (design examinations and language speaking examinations will happen before this date)

As always, if you have any questions or we can offer any further support please do get in contact.

Kind Regards

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