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Dear Parents/Carers,

Just to make you aware that year 11 will be sitting their first round of Mock exams later this month. The aim of these exams is to give pupils the chance to understand the expectations of the exams and to practice completing their work in exam conditions. We are having an online day for the rest of the school on one of the days to give the pupils an example of what the summer exam will be like. On Friday 21st November it will only be Year 11 in school.

This will be their first chance to practice the papers which will be shortened and limited to one exam from each subject to ensure this is a slow introduction to the exam period. We will do another mock week later in the school year which will include more papers and greater lengths of time to get closer to the reality of the summer exams. This time they will sit one Maths, one Science and one English paper. In their real exams in the summer they will sit six Science papers, three Maths papers and one English paper. We will gently increase the number of exams so they are more prepared.

We are aiming to complete the mocks in conditions as close to the real exams as possible to give them an idea of these conditions. Though we want them to do the exams to the best of their ability, we are aware that all the content will not have been covered yet and there may be elements they are unsure of. Our emphasis for this week is just to get an understanding of the structure and routines of the exams.

Monday 17th November - Maths AM Friday 21st November - English AM Friday 21st November - Science PM

Please reassure pupils that this is a great opportunity for them to experience the exams and to practice and reflect upon their skill set. We will be focusing on them getting used to the exam structures and having a go at the exam papers.

Looking ahead, please be aware that for the morning exams in the summer, the pupils will need to be in school for 8.30am and therefore for those who share taxis, alternative arrangements will need to be made. We will send out an exam timetable in the New Year to make it clear exactly which dates this involves. Please consider making these arrangements well ahead of time to ensure that the exam period runs smoothly.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

KInd regards,

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