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January mock exams 21st January – 30th January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you about the importance of our mock exam session, which starts on Monday 21st January, and runs until Wednesday 30th January. Students in years 10 will take mock exams in all of their subjects and these will take place under full exam conditions. This is done to give students a true experience of what they will face in the summer of 2020 when the final examinations take place. This is the first mock exam series out of four which are designed to maximise students' final performance and which will take place in January 2019, July 2019, November 2019 and March 2020. I expect that students prepare for these exams with the same level of commitment that would be given to their real final exams. This involves students undertaking independent after school study and revision in the weeks leading up to the assessment window; we would recommend a minimum of 2 hours a day. It is only with this full commitment that students can test themselves against the assessment criteria that they will face in 2020 to identify gaps in knowledge and allow their teachers to support them with these.

Students are aware of these arrangements, but we would appreciate your support and encouragement of your child in the run up to these mock exams at this important time of the academic year. Please see the attached timetable containing all of the details of the examination weeks. This is also available on the school website.

Yours sincerely

Adam Leyburn
Vice Principal