

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to make you aware that your child will start their first round of Y11 trial/mock exams when they return to the academy after half term. This exam window will last two weeks and start on **Monday 13th November 2023** and **end on Friday 24th November 2023**. During this time, your child will have exams in most/all of the subjects they are studying as part of their GCSEs. The exam timetable for these exams will be shared with you and students prior to half term.

As you are aware, the academy has provided students with around £80 worth of revision guides to support them with these exams and their final GCSE exams in the summer. Further to this, our staff have been running after school sessions in English, Maths and Science since the start of the year; this will continue up to the summer GCSE exams.

Next week we will publish a timetable of half term sessions for students to attend to support them prepare for these exams or complete/refine coursework for their technical/vocational award subjects.

As we continue to work with you to secure the best possible outcomes for your child this summer, we ask that you reiterate the importance of the following:

- Excellent attendance: students who do not do exams due to absence will be required to complete these at a later date and may miss curriculum time.
- Excellent conduct and effort in all exams: students who do not apply themselves to the best of their ability and/or behave poorly will be issued consequences in-line with the Positive Discipline for Learning and Life Policy.

Finally, I have been overjoyed to see record attendance at after school sessions this half term and I am incredibly proud of the start the 'Class of 2024' have made to their final year of compulsory education. I look forward to working with you over the coming months, in the hope that we can secure fantastic GCSE results for your child and celebrate their results together this summer.

Yours sincerely



Mr Paul Taylor
Principal