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Dear Year 11 Students and Parents for information

**Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams, Study leave Thursday 4 – Friday 19 January 2024 inclusive
(Art/German Listening & Reading/Spanish Listening & Reading – December 2023)**

You have already received in the Form Bulletin your GCSE Mock Exam Timetable for January 2024 (Art/German/Spanish have some exams in December) and I do hope you will very soon have a copy firmly stuck up above your place of work at home! You will also be receiving a revision document from Mr Carr.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the mock exams are a vital preparation for the real thing next summer and adequate revision now will certainly help to smooth your path over the next few months.

There is no study leave for any exams in December. You have study leave from Thursday 4 – Friday 19 January 2024 inclusive. Please note how best to organise your time during study leave. **Parents, we would be grateful if you could reinforce the key messages.** Study leave is not extra holiday time. We recommend that you establish a similar structure to a normal working school day, so you should:

- Keep to your usual weekday waking and sleeping times
- Work in “periods” i.e. focus on one subject or topic for an agreed time, take a break and then swap subjects or topics
- Work with a study partner if this is beneficial to both of you but keep socialising to agreed breaks
- **Not** access social media during “school” hours

You must all return to school on **Monday 22 January 2024.**

If you come into school to revise, **you must register that you are here via the Student Hub.** Please go to your normal timetabled room (excluding Science/specialist rooms unless there is a teacher in there) to do your revision.

Parents, please note that study leave will have an impact on your son’s attendance record for the Spring term as we can only record attendance if a student is actually in school. On the days he does not have an exam or does not register in school to revise, this will be recorded as an authorised absence for mock exam study leave.

Boys wishing to choose an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) or Critical Thinking as their enrichment subject in the Sixth Form will also need to have good results in mocks to allow that choice to be made at this stage. This will not preclude them choosing it after good results are received in August.

I wish you all good preparation and encouraging results in January.

Kind regards

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