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Dear Parents

**Year 13 A Level Mock Exams, Monday 6 – Tuesday 14 January
(Art > Thursday 16 January)**

You are receiving your son's A Level Mock Exam Timetable for January 2020 and I do hope he will very soon have a copy firmly stuck up above his place of work! His mock exam period lasts for the first 7 working days of school in January and boys have study leave for the entirety of that time. They must all return to school on **Wednesday 15 January**. Boys taking A Level Art will have 2 further days of exams on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 January.

We will speak with the boys about how best to organise their time during study leave and would be grateful if you could reinforce the key messages. Rather than treating study leave as extra holiday time, our recommendation is that the boys establish a similar structure to a normal working school day, so they should:

- Keep to their 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 them but keep socialising to agreed breaks
- Not access social media during "school" hours

If your son comes into school to revise, he **must** use the finger scanner to indicate his presence on site and again to indicate when he is leaving.

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

I wish your sons good preparation and encouraging results in January.

Kind regards

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