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Dear Year 13 Students and Parents for information

**Year 13 A Level Mock Exams, Tuesday 4 – Friday 14 January 2022
(Art 15-17 December 2021)**

You are receiving your A Level Mock Exam Timetable for January 2022 and I do hope you will very soon have a copy firmly stuck up above your place of work! Your mock exam period lasts for the first 8 working days of school in January and you have study leave for the entirety of that time. You must all return to school on **Monday 17 January 2022**.

Please note how best to organise your time during study leave and parents, we would be grateful if you could reinforce the key messages. Study leave is not extra holiday time. We recommend 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

If you come into school to revise, you **must** use the finger scanner to indicate your presence on site and again to indicate when you are leaving.

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. Please note that the SIMS Parent App will only indicate whether your son is in school or out of school - it will not show whether his absence is authorised or not. However, we would always contact you if he had any unauthorised absences.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind 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 your path over the next few months.

I wish you good preparation and encouraging results in January.

Kind regards

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