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Dear Parents

Year 13 A Level Mock Exams: Wednesday 20 - Friday 29 January
Study Leave: Tuesday 19 - Friday 29 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 from **Wednesday 20 – Friday 29 January** and is preceded by an extra day of Study Leave on **Tuesday 19 January**. All boys must return to school on **Monday 1 February**.

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 virtual study partner if this is beneficial to both of them
- Not access social media during “school” hours

If your son comes into school to revise in the Library or Mezzanine, he **must** use the finger scanner/registration list in the Student Hub to indicate his presence on site and again to indicate when he is leaving. 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 know that both you and your sons are very aware of the great importance of these mock exams should we have to move from June exams to Centre Assessment Grades either wholly or in part. Adequate and sustained revision over the next two months is therefore essential and will certainly help prepare him for any and all future exams.

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

Kind regards
Hilary Munday
Assistant Head