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Dear Year 11 Students and Parents for information

**Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams, Tuesday 4 - Monday 17 January 2022 inclusive  
(Art & German/Spanish/French Listening - December 2022)**

You are receiving your GCSE Mock Exam Timetable for January 2022 (Art, German/Spanish/French have some exams in December) and I do hope you will very soon have a copy firmly stuck up above your place of work! You will also be receiving a revision document from Mr Pettengell.

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. The main exam session lasts for the first 10 working days of school in January and you have study leave for the entirety of that time. 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 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 **Tuesday 18 January**.

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.

Boys wishing to choose an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) as their fifth 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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