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Dear Parents/Carers

Mock exam grades and collection of English literature texts

Mock exam grades

We remain incredibly impressed with the attitude and approach that year 11 students continue to demonstrate as they adjust to learning online during this period. The resilience and maturity they continue to show during these challenging times is impressive and is absolutely the right approach to take.

As previously notified, we are planning to release the mock grades students achieved in their mock exams, during next week, to their school email addresses. At this point, we expect that to be Wednesday 20 January, but as soon as these have been sent we will send a notification to let parents/carers and students know.

Due to the disruption faced for some during this mock season, there were a number of students who are sitting their mock exams remotely at present and so for those who didn't sit (or return to us if sat remotely) the full set prior to the Christmas break, they may not yet have a full set of mock grades. In these cases, once their papers are fully marked we will send those students an updated set of mock grades.

Ahead of this we would like to explain what will be shown:

Students will receive the grade awarded for the exams sat and a further coding to indicate whether this grade is awarded with a full set of mock papers or a partial set of papers completed.

Y - grade based on full set of mocks papers sat and marked

P - grade based on partial set of mock papers sat and marked

N - no mock exam sat or marked

For those awarded a grade based on a partial set of papers, the final mock grade could go either up or down.

Please note that the grade awarded is only for the actual exam paper/papers sat and does not take into account any coursework to be completed during the course. Also, please note that students did not sit the full suite of papers in all subjects that would be sat ordinarily in May/June at the end of year 11.

You'll be aware that ahead of the consultation evening on Thursday 28 January, we are planning to send parents/carers a further progress report with your child's indicative grade following these mock results. It is important that parents/carers know that at any indicative grade issued at this point is NOT your child's centre assessed grade that we expect to have to send to exam boards at the end of the year; again, any grades that we may be asked to provide that are centre assessed could go up or down depending upon how your child continues to progress during the rest of their year 11 time. To date, we have had no further update regarding this process at this point.

Collection of English literature texts

We have made arrangements for English course texts to be collected from school; these texts are very important as they are the student's own copies of the texts containing their annotations and will support them with their learning in the coming months. In many cases students already have these texts at home, but if your child has left them at school, parents/carers will need to come to reception between **8.30am-4pm from Monday, 18 January** onwards to collect their individual packs of books.

The year 11 students should continue to work hard, as they have been, and focus on completing the work set, ensuring they continue to engage with their live lessons and remote learning. We hope that it isn't too long before we are able to welcome them back face to face in safer times.

Your sincerely

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