

15 February 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, Year 11 students sat their mock exams over a two week period in January. This was the first time that the length of the mock exams was two weeks. The reason for this is twofold:

1. It allows the students to experience sitting a large number of exams over a short period of time. This is good preparation for the pressure that will come in the summer.
2. The mock fortnight allowed for all the papers that will be taken in the summer to be sat this time, i.e. three exams in English, three exams in Maths, three exams in Science, plus exams in all other subjects. This gives the student, yourselves and ourselves a clear picture of what needs to be worked on before the summer exams.

As a school we were impressed with the mature adult manner in which the students undertook the exams. Students who missed exams through absence were keen to sit the exams once back in school or in their own time.

It must be stressed here, however, that if students miss an exam in the summer they will not be allowed to sit that exam at another time, as all students in the country have to sit the exams at the same time.

Enclosed with this letter is a **provisional** exam timetable. The exam board may change the time and date of some of these exams. Also enclosed is a breakdown of grades per subject to aid your understanding of the mock exam results.

There is a lot of work to be done between now and the summer exams and we will keep you informed of Period 6 sessions and holiday revision dates. Please continue to encourage your son/daughter to attend these. If you have any queries on any of this, please contact Mr Cavanagh on extension 211.

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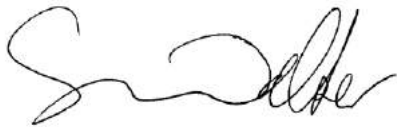
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Once the exams are completed there is the Leavers' Assembly and Prom. The Prom is on Thursday, 22 June 2017. This is **by invitation only**; the school's decision is final. An invitation will be given to any student who has:

- Completed the ECDL to the school's satisfaction.
- Completed all exams for which he/she has been entered.
- Tried his/her very best in all exams entered. This, again, will need to be to the school's satisfaction.
- Attendance that is acceptable to the school. This is usually close to 100% between now and 22 June 2017.
- Not missed any revision sessions or mock exams due to holidays.
- Regular attendance at study clubs (after school and during the Easter holiday).
- No outstanding financial debts to the school.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sue Walker".

Sue Walker
Deputy Headteacher