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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you and your family are well. I just wanted to get in touch to update you on the plans for the Year 11 assessments, which are due to take place on either the 1st or 2nd of September.

Your child should log onto INSIGHT to access their personalised examination timetable. This gives the timings for their exams and their seat numbers. On the day of their exams learners should arrive at school in full school uniform for 8:30. I can confirm that the school buses will be running on both of these dates. The learners will be able to make their way onto the school site from 8:15 and should enter the school building through the canopy area where they are able to wash their hands and then enter the canteen. Learners will need to be seated in the canteen by 8:30.

It is really important that learners bring with them all of the equipment they will need for their exams (black pens, pencil, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener, protractor, compass, calculator). We are not able to loan equipment due to the ongoing pandemic so it is crucial that all learners have their own equipment. Exam papers and spare paper will be on the learners' desks before they sit down and will not be removed by invigilators until after learners have left the exam room. Exam desks will be cleaned between each exam for learners. As we only have half of the year group in on each day the exam desks are well spaced apart within the exam rooms. Please note that in line with examination regulations learners are not allowed to wear a watch and must not have any electronic devices on their person. When learners have completed their science exam their day will be completed and they can leave the school site. For combined science learners this will be at 2:15 and for triple science learners this will be at 2:45.

As a follow on from the previous letter I sent, these exams are an opportunity for learners to experience being in the exam room and will also support their teachers in understanding how to prioritise their teaching time with learners given the recent period of remote working from home. Please refer back to the revision guide previously sent which includes details of how to revise and the content/skills covered on each of the exam papers. Learners do not need to worry about the outcome of the exams, they will have more mock exams in Year 11 to demonstrate the fantastic progress they are making.

After such a challenging period of time it is very important for learners and families to have time over the summer holiday to relax and recharge. There is definitely no expectation that learners should spend all of the summer holiday preparing for these exams. Year 10 learners in particular are always set some home learning over the summer holidays, due to the nature of Year 11, but there should be lots of time for other activities as well.

I hope you and your families stay safe and well and if I can be of any further help please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,



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