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Dear Parent/Carer

We have just issued Year 10 students with timetables for their mock examinations covering English, Mathematics, Science and option subjects. These are due to start on Wednesday 21 June 2017. All exams will take place in the auditorium, under exam conditions. We will have a team of invigilators in place, so this will be a very similar experience to the GCSEs just being completed by Year 11s.

I am often asked, by students, what the exams count for. We use internal mock exams for a number of purposes:

1. We will be reporting grades back to you the parents – this will give you an idea of how your child has been doing here at WCSA.
2. We will use grades to inform setting arrangements for Year 11.
3. We will use information to decide which students need intervention in Year 11. We ran a very successful intervention program for our current Year 11 this year.
4. We will use information to inform teaching and what needs more coverage in the coming year.

So, as you can see, the exams really do matter; please encourage your child to revise. Plus this opportunity gives students the chance to experience what a series of exams will be like. There is nothing like good preparation.

Of course, these will not be the only mock exams. We will run a series of PPEs (pre public exams) throughout Year 11. We will ensure that no student sits a GCSE unprepared and will cover what to expect in an exam. This is especially important as GCSEs are being reformed and there is much greater content and a much greater emphasis on knowledge retention.

Any questions should go to form tutors or subject teachers in the first instance. As always, I am happy to answer any remaining questions; please do get in contact with me here at the school.

Thank you for your continued great support.

Yours sincerely



Jacqui Scott
Principal