

AG/SBK/AKI/36

25 November 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Firstly, I would like to thank those of you who attended our first virtual Year 11 parents' evening. The feedback from this has been positive from both students and parents.

I continue to be extremely impressed with how the year group are handling this year under these difficult circumstances. They remain positive, motivated and have taken a mature approach to their lessons, home learning tasks and revision.

As you will be aware, we had planned to run a formal set of mock examinations for two weeks starting on Monday 30 November. We have taken the decision to postpone these examinations until the Spring. We currently have a group of students from Year 11 self-isolating who will miss the first week of the mock examinations. There are also many other students who have experienced disruption to their learning due to periods of self-isolation so we feel pushing the mock examinations back until the Spring will provide a more accurate reflection of students' potential.

For your reference, teachers may still choose to hold a small assessment within the next two-week period during lesson time to enable students to recognise their achievements and progress to date, including areas for development.

Following a revision focus week, all students should now be in the routine of regularly revising at home. Students should be encouraged to continue this despite the removal of the mock examinations. Successful revision should be carried out little and often throughout the year, not intensively before the start of examinations.

As always, myself and the academy are extremely grateful for all the help and support that you have given us at such a difficult time. If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch via email or phone.

If I do not speak to you before, I do hope that you can take some time over the Christmas break to relax and enjoy the festive period.

Yours faithfully,

Miss S Baker  
Head of Year 11