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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this communication finds you and your family well and that you had a good half term holiday.

As you are aware our Year 11 mock examination series commences on Monday 8 November. This is an important moment for our Year 11 students as they will have the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding in a formal examination setting. Whilst these examinations are a 'mock' and therefore by definition a preparatory opportunity for students' future performance in the summer 2022 examination series, it is important for me to stress that should the formal summer 2022 GCSE examinations be unable to go ahead, the mock examination papers will be used to help inform a student's Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG).

The government has confirmed its strong intention to proceed with formal GCSE examinations, however, they have recently completed a consultation into the proposed arrangements were it to be the case that formal examinations could not take place. The result of this consultation is still unknown, however, our current assessment opportunities for students very much align with the government's proposals so students within The GORSE Academies Trust are well placed for any eventuality.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of ensuring your child attends the mock examinations wherever possible. If your child is unable to attend due to illness, please inform the academy at your earliest opportunity so that arrangements can be made for your child to complete their assessments in an appropriate manner upon their return.

Enclosed within this communication is a reminder of the mock examinations that students have within your respective academy (please note the table shows all subjects - if a student isn't studying a subject they will not have an examination in it) and the content that the students should revise for the examination. Subject teachers will share more details with students regarding the aspect of the content that the assessments will cover but they will not be able to share the specific questions.

Please also be aware that the original mock examination scripts will need to be retained by the academy as evidence in the event that they may be needed for a Teacher Assessed Grade process. Furthermore, whilst marks for questions will be shared with students we will not be able to provide any indication of a student's future Teacher Assessed Grade in a subject, should one be required.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the respective academy using the academy's email address or telephone number.

Yours faithfully



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