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Dear Parents and Carers.

As we approach the end of 2021, I just wanted to get in touch and give an update on how things have gone recently.

For year 11 especially, it has been an incredibly difficult time with a huge amount of anxiety and nerves around the mock exams and ultimately what their exams will look like next year. I hope the mock exams have given students the opportunity to reflect on the work that they have done already.

Year 11 have surpassed our expectations for these exams. I am exceptionally proud of the year group for the attitude they have shown. They have worked incredibly hard both before and during the exam season and have taken the process seriously. The behaviour of the students during this time has been outstanding and despite a few students having been unable to complete all of the exams, the levels of attendance have been very good. The exams team have done an incredible job in attempting to rearrange as many exams as possible. Any exams that have not been completed will be arranged by teachers and heads of department. This may include completing the papers in school after Christmas or bringing the papers home to complete. Students will continue to be assessed throughout the Spring term and into the Summer so there will be other opportunities for students to complete assessments, and show their knowledge and skills.

Results from the mock exams will be given out to students over time but a summary sheet will be made available to students and parents on the week beginning 31st January. This will include the grades they achieved and an updated predicted grade based upon the information that we currently have available. In the summer, after students have sat their final exams, I message students and remind them that there isn't anything further that they can do. However for mock exams, students will have the opportunity to learn from their mistakes and improve on their current positions. This is always a powerful learning tool and not all students get all of the grades they want at this stage; however, this is an important opportunity to learn from the feedback given by their staff.

There is still uncertainty about what will happen in 2022 but we will continue to work towards exams in May and June. Exam boards are gathering information to send out to schools next year which will be designed to guide the students. This information will be shared as we receive it.

For year 11 students, the school will reopen on Wednesday 5th January. I look forward to seeing the students again in a, hopefully, refreshed and relaxed mood, ready to tackle the Spring term.

I wish you all a merry Christmas, happy holidays and a relaxed break for you and your families.

Best wishes,

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