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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your support and feedback during the second round of mock exams. It is clear that students really benefited from the master class lessons and this is something we are working on to have in place for the final exams in May and June.

Next week:

- Students will receive a summary of their mock grades and we will also send this home via our PAM parent portal.
- Unfortunately, we have been requested to retain all copies of formal mock papers this year so are unable to send home the original papers. We have been encouraging students to take photos of their work to review as part of their revision.
- We will also share the final exam timetable with students and parents as we move into the final seven weeks before the first GCSE exam.
- Finally, this year the exam boards have published prerelease material in all subjects. This material is available for all students on TEAMS. However, we have also provided a printed copy for students in Maths, English and Science. This should support students to plan out a revision schedule and provide security that students know what is definitely coming up in each exam, this will really support revision over the next seven weeks.

On Tuesday 22nd March we hosted Educational Psychologist, Dr Martijn Van Der Spoel. Parent feedback was overwhelming positive, and I really hope this has provided some guidance and support to those that attended around building confidence and a secure environment to ensure students brains have the very best conditions for developments.

This week all students received further revision guides for the English GCSE – this are a fantastic resource to engage with at home to support independent revision over the Easter break.

Key messages for the final seven weeks:

1. **We will not be sending students home for study leave this year.** We believe the very best place your child can prepare for the exams is in school with a subject specialist teacher. We will be designing a master class timetable to support students prepare for their exams.
2. **We will continue with a fortnightly assessment period in English and Maths.** This is to support students prepare for the exam environment and test the impact of their revision. A timetable of these assessments has been included below.
3. **Afterschool intervention and champions hour.** Our P6 intervention continues to run up to the exam period. We will also have targeting weekend and Easter holiday revision for invited students.

Date	Assessment
Monday 28 th March	English Assessment (period 2) - Full access arrangements
Monday 25 th April	English Assessment (period 2) - Full access arrangements
Tuesday 26 th April	Maths Assessment (period 4) - Full access arrangements

Kind regards

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