



Mock Examinations and Grades

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I would like to start by commending our Year 11 students who have completed what has been a challenging but important first week of Mock Examinations. Over the weekend students should quite rightfully find a way to unwind and relax from their week of intensive study, whilst finding the right balance and dedicating time to prepare for the next week ahead.

A number of parents and students have quite rightly been in touch to ask how we will be feeding back mock outcomes once we have completed our marking and trust moderation processes. We are writing to confirm that on mock results day (**Monday 13th December**) we will **give students and parents their mock grade outcomes** in their Academic report. This will be followed up in lessons with question level marking analysis and the high quality feedback previously promised.

We are able to make this decision because at midday yesterday, the DfE confirmed their Plan B for the cancellation of exams; this may be viewed [here](#). Critically, an additional sentence was added to their original guidance that was not in the previous iteration, "Teachers may tell the student the grade at which their performance in the assessment indicates they have performed."

It is important to note that the grades for these mocks, do not constitute a TAG in the event that the government implements its plan B for the summer. The Department for Education has assured us that we will have final details on Summer examinations going ahead by 7 February at the latest.

Mocks are an important milestone in preparing for GCSE summer exams. Whilst they enable us to identify and celebrate areas of success, a critical function is to inform students, staff and parents of the areas that still remain to be tackled and we will be able to discuss these with you at Parents' evening on **Thursday 6 January**.

Yours sincerely

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