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Dear Parent/ Carer

RE: Year 11 After-School Study Programme and Mock Exams

As we approach the end of the four week block of the after-school study programme for Year 11 students, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you further information regarding the next phase of this provision.

We are delighted with the progress shown by those students who have attended and engaged fully with this programme. We are very grateful for the staunch support and partnership of our families for the sessions as well as the support of subject teams during the period of the second national lockdown.

For the last two weeks of this term, from week commencing the 7th December, targeted after-school sessions will not be taking place although the additional GCSE after school courses will continue to run. Some teachers may continue to informally offer support sessions in the next two weeks, particularly where students are completing assessed pieces of work. Students should speak directly to their teachers about this.

This will allow for recent assessment and progress data to be monitored and reviewed to inform planning and preparation for the second block of the programme, which will commence from Tuesday 5th January onwards. These sessions will support students' preparation for the mock exams that will take place over the fortnight starting on Monday 25th January until Friday 5th February.

Your child will receive a personalised timetable for the next block of after-school study support sessions before the end of this term so they will know which sessions they are expected to attend. As before, students are welcome to attend any of the sessions on offer. The timetable of sessions will be published once this has been finalised for your reference. Students will also receive their mock exam timetables once this has been confirmed.

Through their tutor sessions, they will be revisiting revision skills and how to organise their time effectively. In lessons, students will receive revision support material to support their revision in their private study time at home which will also be linked to their homework.

As you will be aware, although these are mock exams, they will be held as true to the GCSE exams as possible to give students an experience as close to the actual exams as possible. For the previous Year 11 cohort, as you will be aware, the Department for Education directed schools to provide centre assessed grades for summer 2020. In order to form the centre assessed grade for each student, schools nationally were required to provide a grade based on evidence of student attainment, drawing on a range of assessment data, including mock exams, as part of this decision-making process. Currently, this is not an expectation of schools at this present time as the government is planning for summer exams to be held for all students as you may be aware from information that has been released this week. However, it is important to recognise the importance of in-school assessments and mock exams if the national picture was to change or if a child was to miss the exams due to extenuating circumstances.

Once again, thank you very much for your continued support. If you have any questions regarding the plans, do feel free to contact myself via Melissa.lock@hayleacademy.net or emma.parker@hayleacademy.net.

Yours sincerely

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