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Dear Parents, Carers and Year 11 students,

Year 11 Update: Mock Results and Parents' Evening

I hope that this letter finds you well. As we embark upon the second term of Year 11, I wanted to take the opportunity to provide you with some updates regarding the current government stance on the 2022 exams, the provision for Year 11 support and revision, whilst sharing with you the December mock examination results process.

2022 Summer GCSE Exam Series:

Since the start of the January term, the government have released their strongest indicator that summer GCSE examinations will take place, stating 'In the summer, we will be going ahead with exams, rightly so, recognising that there has been much disruption to students studying.'

Whilst there is still a significant risk from Covid, it is increasingly apparent that the government are determined to ensure that the pupils have the opportunity to sit their GCSE exams. It is important to note that the government have recognised the turbulence caused by the pandemic, and have made reasonable adjustments to the GCSE exams and pre-release material; however, we are awaiting confirmation of updates before we provide you with more specific details.

Staff at The Grange recognise that our students require clarity around the expectations of them, particularly during their final months of their time in secondary education. With this in mind, our message to Year 11 is very simple: You have five months to work as hard as possible to ensure that you are well prepared for either exams or Teacher Assessed Grades. If you do so, you will leave The Grange Academy with a set of GCSE results which will provide you with a sound foundation for your future endeavours and reflect your efforts and attitude. As students of The Grange, you will need to work with your peers and staff to make the most of your lessons, revision and supplementary opportunities.

Year 11 Support and Revision

Year 11's compulsory Lesson Six continues this term in order to maximise the students' learning and preparation ahead of their March Mock series and summer GCSE series.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Science	English	Maths	Independent Study - 2:35 – 4pm in the library	History Geography

Please encourage your child to attend these sessions alongside completing their independent revision at home. This independent revision can be supplemented using Hegarty Maths, Seneca Learning and GCSE Pod. We will endeavour to work tirelessly with Year 11 and prepare them thoroughly for their summer exams. We expect the same work ethic from students.

Mock Results

On Friday 21st January, our Year 11s will be participating in a GCSE Mock Result reveal. During this process students will open their results in the same format of the traditional GCSE result collection. Following the receipt of their mock results, students will have the opportunity to access career advice and guidance before having an assembly from senior leaders providing advice on how to build upon their current successes and how to best prepare for the summer exam series. In addition to this, a copy of the mock results will also be sent home to you in the post.

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Parents' Evening

At this crucial time, we appreciate that you as parents and carers play an essential role in supporting your child and it is vital that we continue to work together to ensure that your child is best prepared. In light of this, you will be invited to attend a Mock Result and Update Evening on **Thursday 27th January**.

As of 14th January, you will be able to book your appointments for this evening via the SchoolCloud booking system. For this event, you have two options:

1. Face-to-face appointments between **3.30pm and 4.45pm**.
- 2- Online video appointments via SchoolCloud between **5pm and 6.30pm**

Please book all your appointments on SchoolCloud: <https://grangeacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

You must have parental responsibility and your child's date of birth to make your appointment.

If there are no available appointments for a required teacher, please email the department you wish to speak to (email address' are 'insertsubject'@thegrangeacademy.co.uk – i.e. English@thegrangeacademy.co.uk). Alternatively, contact the school and request a call back from the required teacher.

It is important that you arrive to the face-to-face appointments at the designated time and please be aware staff will not be able to meet with parents/carers without an appointment.

At The Grange, we understand that this term is challenging for our students. Please continue to support our school policy and liaise with staff where you have any concerns. In line with our school values, we *aspire for excellence*, therefore I must stress the important of hard work and dedication. Both hard work and dedication will dictate the outcomes and success of your child's GCSEs in the summer, which we look forward to celebrating.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Yours faithfully



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