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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to let you know that your son/daughter's review is now available on the school portal. Students have access to these reviews, so please encourage them to act on the targets set by teachers, particularly as they prepare for mock examinations in December. Following the mock period, there is a subject consultation evening on 2nd February; however, if you have any concerns in the meantime, then please contact your son/daughter's tutor or subject teachers directly.

Predicted grades have been updated and are what we expect your son/daughter to achieve at the end of the course, based on their current performance, whereas the potential grade is what teachers believe they are capable of achieving. Please remember that we quote the potential grade on any UCAS application. Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 is the internal deadline for UCAS applications. This is to ensure that all applications are processed by the UCAS 'equal consideration' date, which is Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January. 'Equal consideration' means universities must consider all of the applications received by this date equally.

There are, of course, many pathways that students are planning to follow next year and I would encourage them all to be proactive with their research and applications. Students should also be checking their school email and the Events and Opportunities Teams page regularly for important updates and opportunities in relation to apprenticeships and extra-curricular opportunities that would strengthen and enhance CVs.

Mocks take place in the last week of term for most year 13 classes; please see the timetable below. Staff will inform students if they have a second exam in the afternoon. Students will be on study leave from Monday to Thursday and are only expected to attend school when they have an exam; however, students can come into school and use facilities for independent study. Students should sign in at the sixth form office if they are in school but do not have an examination to attend. Students are expected in school on the 16<sup>th</sup> December.

	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>
Morning 8:50	Option D	Option C	Option B	Option A
Afternoon 12:50 (optional)	Option D	Option C	Option B	Option A

The mocks are a very important experience for the students to undertake and they must be preparing themselves as best as they can. They will want to demonstrate the academic progress they are making to themselves and their teachers; whilst also having another opportunity to simply undertake the exam

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experience which includes timed conditions and for many students, working in a large room such as the sports hall. Teachers will help to guide students about the content to be covered and students should be proactive with making a revision timetables and sticking to it. Students should also consider reducing hours of paid employment and other commitments during this important time.

The last day of term is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

I sincerely hope this term is going well for all students and I look forward to seeing the progress they make in their mock examinations. I would also like to wish all students and their families a well-deserved and restful break this Christmas when we get to it.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Year 13



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