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Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all managed a safe and enjoyable break with family and friends over the festive period.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming back our Y11 students and to build on the hugely promising progress made last term. It is worth noting that in our final day celebration assembly, we shared how proud we were of the year group in how they conducted themselves in the two week Mock Exam window, showing resilience, perseverance and commitment to giving every exam their best efforts. No one can ask any student to do more than their best! A number of Amazon vouchers were given out to students, ranging in value from £5 to £25. They deserved this recognition!

Mock catch-up exams will take place next week for any students that were absent before Christmas. It is worth noting that there are two final real exams next week-

- CNAT Information Technologies written exam – Wednesday 12 January 2022 at 13:00 – 1h 45m
- BTEC Music written exam – Thursday 13 January 2022 at 09:00 – 1h

All students will receive their Mock results from the Christmas period in an assembly on Friday 14 January, in the same style as if it was the big day in August. No doubt, some students will be delighted and some disappointed, but the advice for all, will be to keep asking questions in lessons, learning from mistakes and closing the gaps to make further knowledge gains.

We want to give you as much notice as possible regarding the next Mock Examination period, so students can prepare accordingly. Below is the timetable for the week commencing Mon 14 February. In this week, it will be the three Core Areas of Maths, English and Science. In particular, for Maths, this is the first time they will have done all three papers, so will give us a very accurate picture of the grade achieved.

Timetable Week 1	Mon 14 Feb	Tue 15 Feb	Wed 16 Feb	Thurs 17 Feb	Fri 18 Feb
09:00	Y11 Maths Paper 1 Non-calculator (1h30)	Y11 Maths Paper 2 Calculator (1h30)		Y11 Maths Paper 3 Calculator (1h30)	Y11 English Language (1h45)
13:00		Y11 Biology Combined (50min) Triple (1h45)	Y11 Chemistry Combined (50min) Triple (1h45)	Y11 Physics Combined (50min) Triple (1h45)	Contingency Exams Catch-up Exams

The upcoming mock exam window will have papers based on content that has been covered in lessons and subject staff will make students aware of the scope of each paper. The Government's intention is to ensure exams can take place this summer, but we are also asked to prepare for the unlikely eventuality of centre assessed grading. Preparing fully for the mocks is crucial not only because they would be one source of

evidence in this process, but also to ensure teachers have the best indication of where each student is at and can advise appropriate next steps.

We are told to expect in early February from the relevant Government bodies, advance information for some subjects that will help to focus the revision for students in the second half of the spring term. The completed mock papers together with this information will aid staff to continue to support students in the approach to the summer season in the best way possible. We will keep you updated through our Friday communications with any other information as appropriate.

Passport to Prom

We will be launching our 'Passport to the Prom' incentive package at the end of January, with over £1000 of rewards associated with attendance at the Prom and a Celebration event after all exams have been completed. We are currently seeking advice from student voice on how they want this money to be spent and will then make it happen, sharing it with the year group. It is worth noting that we are both monitoring lateness to lessons and will be sharing with students that if lateness becomes an issue, they are risking not being allowed to attend the Prom. This is something we do not want to exercise in practice but will enforce, as it is important that all Y11 students follow the expectations set. We will share the full set of expectations with students this month.

Revision

A formal revision schedule will be constructed from 28 February onwards and uploaded onto the website so you can support your child in attending relevant sessions after school. Please continue to support your child by insisting they are equipped, punctual to school and on time for all lessons. Every lesson counts and could make the difference between two grades in the final count.

In the week commencing 17 January, the Science team will be setting up 30 minute after school revision sessions from Tuesdays- Thursdays for 3 weeks. These will cover content that students find challenging, lockdown work as well as effective revision and exam question techniques. We strongly recommend pupils to attend these to help with preparation for the February Science mocks and future examinations.

Parents' Evening

We do have another Parents Evening on 14 March and will update you closer to the time whether it is face-to face or online.

Sixth Form

Thank you to those who have applied to join NLS Sixth Form. We will be in touch shortly with information on the next steps. If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on sixthform@northleamington.co.uk.

We wish you all a continued healthy and enjoyable start to the New Year.

Kind regards,



Mr M Atkins



Mr J Fox