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Principal: Mr J Salberg

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The decision for our Year 11 students to spend time learning from home for the next two weeks has not been an easy one. We fully appreciate the challenges that this will bring and understand your concerns that Year 11 students have already missed learning time for their GCSEs. However, we believe that we can use this period of mock exams and remote learning positively and that it gives students an opportunity to focus on key learning and identify knowledge gaps.

Students have already been provided with a wide range of revision materials for all subject areas, and we will continue to share and distribute additional learning resources throughout the next two weeks. Timetabled lessons will not be taking place during the mock exam period, and so students should look at putting together a personalised timetable for the coming weeks, which includes their exams, revision sessions and additional subject learning.

Students must be punctual for each of their exams, and must attend all of the exams they are scheduled to take. Students must arrive to the front of school, Southcote Lane, 10 minutes before their exam starts. Immediately after their exam has finished students, must leave the school site, return home and continue to work and study. Some students will have gaps between exams on their timetable. If these students would like to remain at school for these periods then they must complete quiet study work in the Learning Resource Centre. This will be supervised throughout, **but** must remain a quiet learning space. Any students misusing this space will be asked to leave and told to return home to engage in home learning.

We will run this program for the next two weeks with all Year 11 students returning to school as normal on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November. We would ask parents and carers to support us by speaking to your child about;

- the changes to their learning for the next two weeks and discussing the timetable in detail, and identifying when examinations are taking place and what time students need to be at school;
- help your child create a two week personalised learning timetable;
- checking that they have the necessary equipment for all examinations;
- encouraging them to use this time wisely, to take these exams seriously and to ensure they are as best prepared as possible for each exam.

All students will be asked to bring their equipment in a transparent pencil case or bag. They should have a black pen, pencil and spares, an eraser, sharpener and ruler. A calculator will be required for

Maths and Science examinations. Students will be informed of any additional equipment needed for specific subjects. Electronic devices will not be allowed in the examination room and will be handed in to a member of staff. Students may choose to leave their devices at home during this time if they do not wish to hand them in. All students must attend all exams in complete and correct school uniform.

We thank you for your support and understanding in this matter. If you are concerned by this decision, or would like to discuss this further, please do get in contact with us.

Kind regards ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Salberg', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Salberg  
Principal