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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Y11 update – change to date of parent teacher consultation evening

I write to inform you that we have made a change of date to the parent teacher consultation evening that was planned for **Monday 15 October 2018**. For a number of reasons we feel that it would be more beneficial for students if we reschedule the evening to **Monday 10 December 2018**. As you are aware there is a period of pre-public 'mock' examinations planned following half term. These will take place in the fortnight beginning **Monday 5 November 2018**. Re-scheduling the parent teacher consultation evening will therefore enable us to give specific feedback relating to the performance of your son/daughter within these examinations, as well as targeted strategies aimed at filling any gaps in skills or understanding. The evening will also enable a discussion from any issues arising from the progress report that you will receive in the week beginning **Monday 3 December 2018**.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you in more detail about the nature of the forthcoming pre-public 'mock' examinations. We would greatly appreciate your support in ensuring that your son/daughter prepares sensibly in the coming weeks leading up to the examination period. It is vital that they maintain a healthy balance of study and other activities that are essential to their mental health and well-being. We intend to offer them a great deal of support within school and also equip them with tools to support them with their revision outside of school.

The week before the examinations will be a revision week in lessons. They will be provided with revision material and personal learning checklists (PLC's) of what to revise. There are also resources on the school Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) available online through the school website. We have also invested in an online revision resource called Doodle. Access is via www.doodlelearn.co.uk and your son/daughter already has a username and password for this. There is also a doodle app available for use on portable electronic devices. Furthermore, several subjects, such as maths, English, history and geography have Pixl apps on which to practice factual recall and embed knowledge. You can also support at home by ensuring that your son/daughter is clear about their examination dates and times and that they prepare themselves accordingly before sitting them. Getting up in good time and having a decent breakfast will get the day off to a more positive start. Please also ensure that they are fully equipped and attend school every day during the revision and examination period. They will need a clear transparent pencil case, several black pens, pencils, a ruler, protractor, colours and a calculator. Water in a clear transparent sports type bottle is also allowed during examinations. We remind students that mobile devices (e.g. phones, tablets or smart watches) are strictly not allowed in the examination room.

I thank you in advance for your continued support at this important time for Year 11. Should you have any questions or subject specific queries please contact either your son/daughter's tutor, their subject teacher at the school, or Ms Whetstone (KS4 progress leader).

Yours faithfully

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