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Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 10 Health and Social Care External Exam

As you are aware your child is taking an important external exam for health and social care on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022. This is a compulsory important exam. Success in year 10 at this exam means that your child will not be required to do an exam for this subject in year 11; they will just be completing coursework. It is therefore necessary to plan and prepare very thoroughly for this exam in May 2022. So that your child is prepared and confident going into this exam we have planned to for them to sit two mock exams.

### Key dates

#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022

A mock exam will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 during periods 1 and 2. This will consist of a two hour exam of an unseen paper. Results and feedback will be given after February half term. This means your child can plan a structured and meaningful revision programme in the run up to the exam.

#### March 2022- Actual date to be confirmed

A second mock will take place during the year 11 mock period. This mock will be taken in the hall in exam conditions to allow students the opportunity to experience an exam environment before May.

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022

This external exam on 11<sup>th</sup> May is a formal part of the overall assessment and forms part of the final grade awarded in year 11. On the day of the exam, the group will meet in the main canteen at registration time. Results will be available on GCSE/BTEC results day on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August.

### About the exam

Your child is spending lesson time preparing for this at present with their class teacher. Homework tasks are now very important and need to be completed and given in by the due date. All resources will be on Show My Homework and/or Google Classroom.

As we enter the final weeks before the exam, it is important for your child to do a small chunk of revision each day. I would recommend 15-20 minutes per day. They have covered all the topics and it is now simply a matter of retaining the information for the exam and performing well on the day. There is no need for them to panic as they have worked consistently towards the exam in the last few months and work now is devoted to exam technique and exam practice.

I would like to thank you for the enormous amount of support you have given your child with their preparation for this exam. It has made a real difference and I am sure they will be successful.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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