



January 2023

Dear Families

I hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas break and Happy New Year.

The new year is an important milestone in the year 11 journey as we move into the final full term of the GCSE course. We also have the mock exams starting on Monday 16 January 2023 which will give the students their final full set of practice exams. These will be invaluable for curriculum decisions over the next term as we push towards the exam season.

You can see the mock timetable [here](#).

In order to support the students in preparing for the mock exams, we will be using the tutor times at the start of the day to run a focussed program in specific subjects. Students will attend a given subject for five sessions starting on Thursday 5 January 2023 and ending on Thursday 12 January 2023. All students will attend their normal tutor session for their Learning for Life session on Wednesday 11 January 2023 and on Friday 13 January 2023 all year 11 students will have an assembly, with final messages, ahead of the mock exams.

We have selected the session that each student will attend based on their progress data up until this point and with a view to giving them some focussed intervention in a subject that they need. We have to manage the numbers of students in each subject area and therefore unfortunately not all students can do every subject. We are also unable to offer all subjects.

The sessions will be staffed by our year 11 tutor team and some wider volunteers who do not normally have tutor groups. We have been able to come up with a broad offer to ensure that students are getting the most out of these sessions for their achievement in the summer.

Your child will receive their given subject and room during their tutor time session on Wednesday 4 January 2023. We would, of course, remind you that punctuality is key to ensuring these sessions are as effective as possible and the session will be the formal registration period for the morning each day as normal.

Thank you for your support in advance of this program starting and I hope that your child benefits from the focus this will bring them as we start the new year.

Kind regards,

Mr P Cowlin
Deputy Headteacher