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Dear Parents and Carers

I want to take this opportunity to share with all parents, important information which will help you and your child be thoroughly prepared for the imminent mock examinations and the real GCSEs. Your child will receive an individual timetable shortly.

I firstly want to share how impressed I am about the way the year group has focused on their learning since their return after the summer holidays. The atmosphere in Year 11 lessons is industrious for most. It is very calm, and there is a huge amount of great learning going on.

As communicated during the recent GCSE Success Evening, Year 11 will be taking part in Mock Examinations, in all subjects, the week commencing **Monday 10th November 2025**. These Mock exams will provide vital information to both students and teachers in terms of their current attainment and what areas need further improvement to prepare them fully for these final exams.

Teachers will scrutinise the answers students give during the mock exams, and so they will know exactly what to teach students to make sure they can improve their grades as much as possible. After the mock exams, your child will receive their results in a results ceremony as well as detailed information from each subject highlighting what they did well in and what they need to improve/revise further. Consequently, the results from the mocks will show each student what they need to work hard on so they will be able to take really exciting next steps in their educational career. All students now need to work hard in every lesson, complete all the homework set, and steadily revise from now until the mocks and then focus on their GCSEs.

To support our students and parents further we have developed a range of strategies to support Year 11 as they move to their final GCSE exams, in a programme that we have called 'Programme 45'. There are different elements to the overall program, to help support students as they move to the final months of their Year 11 journey.

Mock Examinations: Teachers will use these papers to diagnostically identify the students' areas of strength and development to target support and teaching in lessons. Students will also be able to use these mock exams to reflect upon the current progress that they are making towards their final exams.

Targeted Lessons: Teachers will continue to use the mock exams and ongoing assessment information to plan lessons that are targeted towards students' current areas of strength and development. Attendance throughout school is vital for success, and attendance in Year 11 is particularly important as every minute of every lesson counts!

Ambition and Futures: This term, students at Mullion School enjoyed attending local Post-16 colleges where they could talk about their options for next year. Form tutors will continue to talk to students about their next steps, supported by our careers program, so that they are informed about their future choices and ambitions.

Guided Revision: Students must work hard on the work set on their online learning platforms, such as Sparx Maths, in order to help revise the key knowledge needed for the final exams. As students prepare for their GCSE exams, it is extremely important that they are working hard at home to revise the key knowledge that they need in the summer. **Our teachers have thought carefully about the most effective revision that students should be completing over the coming months, and so they will be setting this guided revision as homework, using the Class Charts online program.** Therefore, it is vitally important that students complete all of the homework that is set on Class Charts. We will let you know when homework has not been completed through the Class Charts behaviour points system.

Motivation, Rewards, and Wellbeing: We are pleased to be using Class Charts so that we can regularly share with you the achievement points of your son/daughter. We will be sharing details of further rewards for students following the mock exams.

Booster lessons: Our Booster sessions are being superbly attended. Students are attending after school and lunchtime sessions, to further increase progress. We expect all children to attend at least two per week and we recognise many are attending more. The Booster lessons currently focus on students' option subjects and after Christmas, there will be a focus on English, Maths and Science.

Focus Lessons: These are very important and they take place during the exam season. We adapt students' timetables so that they have a lesson for the subject they are about to have an exam in. This means they can focus on the next exam they are taking with support and encouragement from their subject teacher. Therefore, it is important students continue to attend until the end of their exams.

Parents: The final, and perhaps most important, strand in our strategy is our support from you as parents. We know that when the school and parents work together, the students have the greatest chance for success. We are asking that our parents continue to support the school and their children in the lead-up to the exams by ensuring that students: complete all of the homework that is set on Class Charts; their child attends school regularly to meet our expectation that Year 11 students have 100% attendance and they support their child attending every targeted intervention that they are invited to.

If you have a question about your son/daughter's progress in a particular subject, please do not hesitate to contact his/her subject teacher. For any further information about the mock examination then please contact Mr. Kevin Gilbert (Assistant Head and Head of Key Stage 4), Ms Natalie Marsland (Senior Pastoral Lead), or Ms Sarah Reed (Exams Manager).

We are extremely grateful for the positive relationships and support that we have with you, our parents, and please do contact us if you have any concerns or questions regarding your son/daughter's progress. Thank you too, to all parents who attended the recent GCSE Success Evening last week. We very much look forward to feeding back the results from the mock exams in the coming weeks and thank you again for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs M Dunleavy
Headteacher