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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 mock exams – October/November 2024

Having fielded some enquiries from parents seeking advice on how to support their child(ren) during the run-up to the Year 11 mock exams, I have included in this e-mail some helpful resources:

- a general guide to effective revision
- a blank revision timetable (students will receive a paper copy of this in due course)
- a subject-by-subject guide to the exam requirements (this was also sent out in Autumn 2023)

If your child is unsure as to how to approach revision for their mocks, I'd advise them to read through the guide, and enact the suggestions contained therein.

As a rough guide, we would expect students preparing for their Year 11 mocks to revise **actively** (i.e. using past papers/practice questions; testing themselves &c.) for at least half an hour per week day during school time, rising to at least an hour as the mock exams themselves get nearer. At weekends and over October half term, a couple of hours a day would be the minimum advised. Of course, these timings only work if the revision being done is active and effective.

Should you or your child have any subject-specific queries about how to revise, or the contents of the mocks, please contact the subject teacher directly, or e-mail me, and I can forward queries to the relevant member of staff.

Your support in encouraging Year 11 to dedicate sufficient time and effort to these mock exams is much appreciated.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Gough'.

C. Gough
Pastoral Leader – Year 11