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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, Year 10 students undertook their first set of mock exams during the week beginning 30 November 2015. The aim was to provide students with the opportunity to start to become familiar with the linear GCSE examinations they will be taking in Trinity term 2017.

The exams focused on the topics they have studied during the Michaelmas term. As such, their mock results are a reflection of the work and effort they have put into their studies this term and not how we think they will do in their final GCSE exams.

As discussed at the Year 10 GCSE Information Evening at the start of the academic year, students have been awarded grades for English, English Literature and Maths on a 1 (low) to 9 (high) system, in line with the new government grading for these subjects. All other subjects are graded A*-G.

The results are an opportunity for students to reflect on their overall effort and attainment this term. However, I offer some general observations below:

- Students must bring all necessary equipment with them to their exams. This includes pens, pencils, ruler and calculator. A number of students failed to bring the necessary items with them, which caused a delay to the exams starting.
- Students should regularly revise work undertaken in class, in addition to their homework, to ensure they keep in mind past work that will feature in their terminal exams. They shouldn't assume it is covered once and then will not be needed again.
- Students need to act on the advice given by staff following their mock exams, in order that they recognise not only their strengths but areas for development.

Year 10 have their next set of mocks at the end of the year.

A progress evening has been arranged on 21 January 2016 from 4.30pm to 7pm, in order that parents/carers and students can meet with staff individually to discuss the mock results and next steps. I enclose an appointment sheet for your child to be able to make appointments with staff on your behalf. Please advise your child what times you would like them to make appointments between.

I look forward to seeing you on the above evening. In the meantime, I hope you have a good Christmas break with the family.

Yours faithfully

Miss N. King
Headteacher

