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Dear Parents/ Carers

## **November GCSE Mock Examination Results**

As you will be aware, Year 11 students are receiving their November GCSE Mock examination results today.

The November examination session marks the first step in the Year 11s journey towards the national GCSE examinations in May/ June 2018; I am pleased to see the number of students beginning to recognise both the quantity and quality of application required to achieve their potential.

To ensure our students receive the best possible preparation for next summer, the November mock examinations were formatted to fully replicate the national GCSE examinations with students completing full GCSE papers under high control conditions. Although a demanding experience, we are certain that this realistic approach will provide students with confidence in plotting their route to success next year.

Students' examination scripts have undergone a rigorous marking and moderation process, including an additional 5% demand being put in place across subject grade boundaries. In this way, teachers, students and parent/ carers can be assured that the grades attained are secure. In reflecting on your son/ daughter's mock examination results, it is important to remember that last year the average minimum progress over the following six months was one full GCSE grade.

As part of our written report cycle, all students will receive individualised progress targets for each subject and these, alongside any questions you may have, will form the basis for the Year 11 Progress Evening on Wednesday 13 November 2017. Please feel welcome to email in advance any areas you wish to discuss with your son/ daughter's subject teacher at the Progress Evening.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs P. Parker  
**Head of Upper School**

