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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 have just completed their Mock exams with our teaching staff assessing and marking the papers. Teachers have been told not to release grades to students. We are having a formal **Mock Results assembly on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January**. We will be emailing a copy of your child's mock results on Friday afternoon in advance of Year 11 Parents' evening which will be **held in school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January**, where you will be able to discuss the results with subject teachers. Booking for this parents' evening can be made on SchoolCloud from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. This is perhaps the **most important Parents' evening of a child's secondary education**. On return from Christmas, Year 11 students will only have 15 school weeks left until the GCSE exams begin

When school re-opens after the Christmas break in January **we will be extending the school day for our Year 11 students as we did last year with a Period 6 lesson**. On a Tuesday to Thursday there will be a day dedicated to a 'Subject area' and the students will attend a study session for the dedicated subject. At the end of P5 the students will be brought to the canteen for refreshments before they start work again. The session will run from 15.15-16.00 Tuesday – Thursday.

The reason we are not using a Monday is that is our staff attend department meetings and the day we have Parents' Evenings etc. and we don't want any clashes where staff are not available for your child.

On Friday, students may be required to attend vocational/BTEC catch-up work or complete practical/folder work in GCSE Design and technology. If students are needed the Head of Department or Teacher will let Miss Dowling and Mr Koltan know who will remind students to attend the catch-up session. These Friday sessions also run from 15.15-16.00.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No session Students finish school at 3pm	Period 6 Science	Period 6 Humanities	Period 6 Languages & DT	Vocational Catch-up
	Science (Science Team)	History (NHO)	Spanish (OWA)	BTEC/Vocational *Requested students*
	Computer Science (BGO)	History (JLI)	Spanish (RCL)	DT* (ARN/JPE) *Requested students*
	Art (SJO) *Requested students*	Geography (MHE)	Spanish (SWO)	Sport*/Dance*/Drama* (CBU) *Requested students*
		Geography (HBA)	DT (ARN)	
		Sport (RHU) *Requested students*	Hospitality (SLL)*Requested students*	
		Enterprise (DSU) *Requested students*	I-Med (BGO) *Requested students*	
		Art (JGU) *Requested students*		



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**Will this have impact?**

Each option subject will provide 1 extra hour a week, which increases curriculum teaching time by 40% giving an extra 20 hours per subject. This extra time will have a direct impact on improving the grades students achieve in the summer. The students followed the same plan last year and the impact was significant.

I am therefore asking for your support in implementing this as it will not work if our parents/carers and students are not on board. As with the P0 morning sessions that your child has been attending since September Period 6 will be compulsory. I appreciate it is a long day, however we feel it will be very beneficial and productive. Our students are at their best when they are with their teachers as they are on hand to help and support them all the way. Our staff are fully on board with this which is just brilliant as we all have the best interests of our young people at heart.

Please talk to your child about this offer and how important it is that they embrace it. It is a small proportion out of their life which will have a really positive impact.

Many thanks as always for all your support as we could not do this without you.

Have a peaceful and restful Christmas.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Koltan  
**Senior Assistant Headteacher**