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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 have completed their Mock exams earlier this month with our teaching staff now assessing and marking the papers. Teachers have been told not to release grades to students as we are having a formal **Mock Results assembly on Friday 5th 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 8th January**, where you will be able to discuss the results with subject teachers. Booking for this parents' evening is now live on SchoolCloud. 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 Period 5 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 Period 6 lessons will run on a two-week timetable in the same way as our normal school timetable operates.

The first session starts on Tuesday 9th January and will run up until the GCSE exams are completed.

Week 1		
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Opt A	Science	Opt B
Fr1	H1	Geog1
Fr2	H2	Geog2
Sp1	H3	Geog3
Sp2	C1	Hist 1
Art	C2	Hist 2
Hosp	C3	Hist 3

Week 2		
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Opt C	Science	Opt D
DT	H1	Travel T
Graph	H2	Art
Music	H3	DT
Comp Sci	C1	Hosp
Bus Ent	C2	Music
Drama	C3	Sport
Art		
Sport 1		
Sport 2		



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Will this have impact?

Each option subject will provide 1 extra hour each fortnight (weekly for Science), which increases curriculum teaching time by 20%. This extra time will have a direct impact on improving the grades students achieve in the summer. The students followed the same plan in previous years and the impact was significant.

I am therefore asking for your support in implementing this compulsory provision as it will not work if our parents/carers and students are not on board. 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