

20 September 2019

AA/JB

Dear Parent/Carer

Your son is now entering the final stage in his GCSE preparations, both in terms of his coursework and exams. In order for him to experience the formal examination process, all Year 11 students will be sitting their GCSE mock exams the week beginning **18 November**. During this time they will sit a series of exams under formal exam conditions. The timetable for these will be sent home after the October half term holiday.

To make the mock exam period as effective as possible your son should be using evenings and weekends to prepare and organise himself. He should be spending time using a variety of activities ranging from making revision summaries, using revision guides, using revision websites and self-testing. Clearly, there is a fine balance between using evenings and weekends to rest and become refreshed, but at the same time thorough preparation now will likely result in success in eight months' time.

The mock examinations are designed to replicate, as far as possible, what your son will experience next summer, and to give us and him an indication of his progress and any areas for development that will need to be addressed over the coming months as we prepare for the 'real thing'. It is, therefore, important that the mock exams are treated seriously and, as such, the students will be subject to the same criteria and guidelines they will face next summer in terms of their conduct and behaviour in the examination room.

Once the mock exams have been marked, you will receive a summary of your son's results and target grades. This will allow you to see where progress has been made and where there needs to be further time invested.

The school expects all of the students to take the mock exams seriously, as there is a close link between mock exam performance and the final outcome. I hope to see your son achieving highly and he should, by this stage, be very close to meeting his target grade. This will help him see that his revision is effective and give him an important confidence boost.

As we approach the mock exam period, we would like to invite you to an **Information Evening** that is being held on **Wednesday 9 October** from **6pm – 7pm**. During the course of the evening you will have the opportunity to listen to a presentation that will provide some strategies and advice upon how to support your son as he approaches the main period of revision and preparation for his summer exams. This session will be

building upon many of the ideas tackled during a Parents' Information Evening provided in Year 10, but it will be focussed purely upon exam preparation.

The evening will take place in the Main School Hall and at the end of the evening there will be an opportunity to ask any further questions. We would encourage you to bring your son along to the session so that he is able to listen to the guidance and advice too.

If you would like to attend the evening please complete and return the slip below to the school office by Monday 30 September 2019.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully



Mrs A Angell
Head of Year 11

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Please return to: the school office, Carre's Grammar School by 30 September 2019

Name of Student:.....

Form.....

I/We acknowledge receipt of your letter regarding the Year 11 Guidance Evening on Wednesday 9 October 2019 and would like to reserve..... place(s).

Signed:.....
Parent/Carer