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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to say what brilliant start year 11 have had to their final GCSE year. Students are working hard in class and are showing a continued dedication to their studies by attending a wide range of master classes. They are a credit to yourselves and the school.

As you may be aware, the government have confirmed that GCSE examinations will take place in 2021 for students in England. Students will be sitting an English Language and Maths paper before May half term with the main body of examinations taking place between 7th June - 2nd July. Thereby giving students longer than usual before exams start. It is important to note that these arrangements could be subject to change at any point.

As always, we want to make sure Durrington students have the best preparation for these exams and therefore the mock examination period is crucial. It allows our students to have real understanding of what the exam period will feel like, practise exam papers in timed exam conditions and allow for staff to give precise feedback. This year's mock exams will commence on Monday 30th November.

To prepare for the mock exams, it is essential that students start revising at home during half-term, as well as having time to relax and re-charge. The next five weeks is a crucial time for your child to be consolidating their learning, testing themselves and practising past paper questions. Students have been given a tick list of all the resources they need for all subjects in order to revise at home successfully. Staff have also uploaded all resources on the Year 11 home learning page on google classrooms. After half-term, during period 1, students will be given their mock timetable and will be making their personal revision plan. They will be taught how to chunk up their revision and which effective revision strategies to use.

You can find online [here](#)

- Our master class schedule for morning and after school sessions. N/B: some sessions will be invitation only.
- The list of revision resources you can purchase for each subject on parent mail
- Parental support videos

As always, if you have any questions. Please do not hesitate to ask. If it is an individual subject question please contact your child's teacher or subject leader, other wise general questions to myself.

I look forward to continuously working with you.

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