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11<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents & Carers,

### **Year 11 Mock Examinations**

I am writing to confirm the details of the mock examinations which take place for all Year 11 students next week. The teaching staff and I have been impressed with the way the students have been preparing for these exams; showing great maturity and dedication both in school and at home, and we are expecting some superb outcomes as a result.

The vast majority of students will once again be completing their exams at St Cuthberts Hall, a venue they will be familiar with as we used it for the Year 10 exams in June. This means they will be walking between BFS and St Cuthberts throughout the week. As we have now well and truly hit the colder weather, please ensure students have their warm coat (not a hoodie or non-uniform jumper) and an umbrella in case it rains.

All students will need to have at least 3 black pens and the same number of pencils along with any specific equipment they will need for exams e.g. a calculator, ruler, maths equipment. All equipment must be carried in a clear pencil case or sandwich bag and students are responsible for ensuring they have what they need – we will not provide spares. I would advise students to have water and this should be in a clear bottle with any labels removed. During each exam students will be subject to all the same rules as they will experience in the summer and these will be made clear to them by the invigilators at the start of each session.

After morning exams students will be escorted back to school for lunch and during this week Year 11 students will be able to go straight into the canteen so they are ready for the afternoon session. Following the last exam on Monday-Thursday students will be able to go home straight from St Cuthberts **however, if they wish to return to school they will be able to do so, and as ever, Homework Club will run until 6pm.**

Finally I would like to wish Year 11 the best of luck in the forthcoming exams and to thank you in advance for your support during what is undoubtedly a stressful time. Results will be available for collection on arrival at the Progress Evening on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December when you will be able to meet each teacher as normal and speak with all the local 6<sup>th</sup> form providers who will be at BFS for the 'Next Steps' event we run each year. I will write to you with further details of this after the exams.

Kind regards



Paul Donald  
**Deputy Principal**

