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Year 11 mock exams

Dear parent/carer,

Year 11 students will be sitting their mock exams from the **19th October until the 6th November**. These exams are extremely important due to the current situation. Some year 11 students in schools did not engage in learning for six months during lockdown. We also know that some schools across the country have had to send year 11 students home to self-isolate. These two things have led to people calling for the exams in the summer to be cancelled, like last year.

There was a lot of fallout from the exams being cancelled because teachers were asked to provide a Centre Assessed Grade (CAG) for students based on what they thought that student would get, if they sat the exam. Ofqual were then going to use an algorithm to alter grades based on the history of the school and KS2 results. Thankfully, the algorithm was scrapped and students got what the teachers had entered.

The Centre Assessed Grade was largely based on the mock results. This is because they were the best indicator of what a child would achieve, due to the fact that they were carried out in the same conditions as the real exams.

In the past, we know that some students don't put effort into their mocks and therefore achieve grades that are much lower than what they would have achieved if they had tried their best. Unfortunately, last year, these students lost out because we couldn't put a CAG three or four grades higher than the mock exam grade without any evidence.

Therefore, this is a bit of a plea to ensure that your child is preparing for these mocks, just in case we end up in the same situation as last year. We want all students to treat these like the real thing.

The timetable is currently being written and we will send this out when complete.

Attached to this letter is a booklet explaining how students can revise effectively. This will be supplemented with 'how to' videos in the coming weeks.

If you would like any further support, please get in touch using the help@tanfieldschool.co.uk email address.

Yours sincerely,

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