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Dear parents and carers,

Year 11 students have received their mock exam results today, a big and important event in their school career. We want all students to take this seriously and use it as an opportunity to reflect on their work so far, whilst planning for continued improvement in the summer exams. We would like all families to engage in meaningful post-mock conversations with their child so I am writing to give information that may help these discussions.

Students have received their mock results during period 5 today and will be completing some post-exam reflection to help them think about their next steps. These reflections include:

- How prepared they felt for the exams
- What revision strategies they used
- How successful those revision strategies were
- What they would do differently next time
- How they will discuss the mock exams with you at home

They have also spent time reviewing each of their results compared to their targets and deciding upon specific actions that will help to move them forward in their subjects ready for the summer exams.

You may notice that this year your child's written report comes without a covering tutor comment. We have decided to remove the written tutor comment to allow tutors to spend more time mentoring students and ensuring the actions they have decided upon are met. This change will allow tutors to contact home for specific students regarding steps to support student achievement.

As you know, grade labels changed from letters to numbers in 2017, but, as these are still relatively new to all of us, we thought it was sensible to provide Ofqual's conversion table below for reference.



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Students will obviously experience a range of feelings about their mocks and our aim is to support them moving forward, regardless of their results. These results along with their term 2 progress check, which they have received today, will offer clarity and information on their progress and achievements. Discussions that may arise could be around subjects they hope to continue with, college courses, apprenticeships, skills they need to improve, revision technique and so on. If your child feels that they need extra support after receiving their results, then please encourage them to talk to their form tutors, student well-being manager or myself.

This has been a remarkably tough period for students following a disruption in year 9 and 10. They should be truly proud of their achievements through what have been uncertain and challenging times.

With kind regards,



H Pharoah
Head of Upper School

How the new grades compare with the old ones

Old grades	New grades
A*	9
	8
A	7
B	6
C	5 STRONG PASS
	4 STANDARD PASS
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	1
U	U

Source: Ofqual

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