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Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, Year 11 students have recently taken their mock examinations in all subjects and I would like to share with you how pleased I am with the maturity and effort shown during this busy period. Students have since received feedback in each of their subjects, but we thought you would appreciate an overview of their mock examination results in order to support them as they make the final push towards the summer examinations.

With this in mind, I hope this Progress Review provides you with an overview of how hard your child is working in each of their subjects and how much progress they are making. It should also be a helpful basis for your own conversations with your child about school life, work and intended Post-16 routes. The Progress Review can be used in many ways to monitor, encourage, support and guide your child. We hope it will help you to:

- Identify where your child is working hard and applying themselves well.
- Identify where they are in relation to their targets across their subjects. (Could I remind you that all students are set challenging and aspirational targets that would invariably put them in the top 5 - 20% of all students nationally).
- Identify subject areas that your child is making less progress in and should be seeking advice and attending extra teaching/revision sessions.
- Discuss effort, progress and revision timetables.

You may also wish to compare your child's Progress Review to the one we shared with you in November 2023. To do this, you will first need to log into the MCAS (My Child at School) application and click on the dashboard. The most recent Progress Review will be visible on the amber tile 'Progress Reviews' along with any previous Progress Reviews for your child. If you have any issues accessing MCAS please contact digitalsupport@hswv.co.uk

Year 11 Intervention Evening: Tuesday 6th February 2024 – 5:30pm until 7:30pm

In our recent correspondence, I notified you of our planned Intervention Evenings in January and February. On Tuesday 6th February, we have scheduled an Intervention Evening for Science and the Option based subjects. This will provide an opportunity for our Heads of Department to meet with selected parents/carers to discuss their child's current progress and recent mock examination performance in greater detail.

If one or more of our Heads of Department have requested to meet with you, please refer to the information sent to you earlier this week about the purpose for the meeting/s and how to join them. Your support in attending these meetings is greatly appreciated.

Exam Support webpage

In addition to the extensive extended learning offer which includes a programme of after school revision sessions alongside our Saturday School masterclasses which started last week with Mathematics. We also appreciate how important it is that your child is revising well at home and making use of the revision resources our Heads of



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Department have organised and recommend for them to use. With this in mind, I wanted to highlight to you our Exam Support webpage which can be found by clicking the Exam Support tile on our home page. Alternatively, please [click here](#) for a direct link.

There is lots of useful information on this page which includes links to:

- Revision Resources – these are the revision resources recommended by each subject that students should be using at home (these can only be accessed by your child whilst logged into their Office 365 account). This is also where your child can access subject Personalised Learning Checklists PLCs (the topics they need to learn for each subject).
- How to revise guides... – each subject has produced a How to Revise guide for their subject area. These documents highlight particular aspects of the 4Rs that work well for their subject. These can be used to guide your child in the right direction for their revision and also give you confidence that they are revising in a way that we would recommend.
- Revision strategy videos – you will be able to access 5 videos explaining whys in which students have been taught to ‘Reduce’ their revision.
- Top tips – here you will find a series of useful tips to help guide your child through their revision and the challenging summer examinations. We have also included a link to document which provides guidance about how to manage stress through this period.
- Scheduled revision – here you will find links to our Extended Learning Timetable and Saturday School schedule. We will also update this area with our programme for Easter School revision and a weekly revision timetable to help your child plan their revision.
- Summer exams – finally, we have included a link to the summer exam timetable so you and your child can plan when they will be sitting their examinations. There are also links to information provided by JCQ (The Joint Council for Qualifications).

We would thoroughly recommend taking the time to look through our Exam Support webpage and discuss your child’s approach to revision with them over the next few weeks.

Year 11 Prom

Whilst we appreciate the challenges of the next four months and how hard your child will have to work, we also need to remember that it is important for them to have something to look forward to.

To that end, I am delighted to announce that the Year 11 prom will take place on Friday 21st June at the Molineux. We will share more specific details about this event in due course but for now, please remind your child that once their exams are finished, they have this fantastic celebration to look forward to.

To conclude, I hope you find your child’s Progress Review and the information contained in this letter useful in supporting their final preparations for the summer examinations.

As ever, if you have any queries related to any of the above, please don’t hesitate to contact upperschoolstaff@hswv.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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