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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you are keeping safe and well.

I am writing to you to share important information in relation to Year 11 Parents' Evening and mock examinations.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

As an Academy, we value the importance of parents' evenings in order to ensure that you are informed and fully supported throughout your child's time at Biddick Academy. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions we are prevented from holding a 'traditional' parents' evening on the Academy site.

Instead, the Academy is offering a tailored support package, this includes a TeachTalk presentation from each teacher for their individual Year 11 class. In these presentations teachers will cover the main strengths within the class, key areas to develop and suggested revision strategies and techniques. These presentations will be available on your child's ClassCharts from Tuesday 1st December. You will also be able to sign up for a series of webinars, led by various members of staff and covering topics such as key concepts in core subjects, revision strategies and how to manage examination stress and anxiety at home. Further details of these webinars will be released in due course via email and the parent bulletin.

Furthermore, if your child has been identified as performing exceptionally well in a particular subject(s), you will receive a letter detailing this. As an Academy, we strive to constantly recognise students' hard work and dedication to their studies and believe this should be celebrated.

Selected parents will be invited to attend an online parents' evening on Wednesday 2nd December via a system called School Cloud. Students have been selected by class teachers on an individual basis, based on a range of factors including work ethic, achievement to date, progress towards targets, homework and so on. Further information will be provided for those parents who will be invited to attend. Although we are not able to extend this invitation to all Year 11 parents, the Academy is here to support and advise parents at any point. Please do not hesitate to contact the Student Office if you have any queries regarding Year 11 or examinations.

Mock Examinations

Secondly, I would like to confirm that the Year 11 mock examinations will take place over a two-week period starting **Monday 18th January 2021**. Please be aware that in the event of disruption to the summer examination series, the mock examinations may form a crucial part of the grading process. We have therefore moved the mock examinations from December to January, in order to allow students longer to prepare.

Timetables will be shared with you and your child at the end of this half term. We encourage your child to prepare in earnest for the mock examinations, they play a vital role in improving and embedding the knowledge and skills required for the final examinations.

I would like to emphasise that we are always here to provide support and we aim to offer you a range of resources to support you and your child over the coming months. We firmly believe that it is a collective approach from teachers, students and parents that ensures students achieve their potential in their time at Biddick Academy.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

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