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Dear Parent/Carer

As we complete the second 'Mock Examination Series' and the end of your child's final full term of compulsory education, I am writing to you with some important information regarding the examinations and the final crucial weeks ahead for Year 11. Please read this letter carefully and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

We are delighted with the approach and attitude towards the 'Mock Examinations'. We had an amazing 96% average attendance throughout the series which is very good. All students with 100% through the mock series will receive a prize on the final day of this term. Next week, we have our 'results' assembly to share the results from the mocks, these results will be emailed home after the assembly.

We hope that whatever grades your child does achieve this time round, they use these and the lessons learned from this practice to guide them through to the summer series. Analysing their results, looking at the reasons why they got them and more importantly learning from this experience is key to success in May. Attendance, hard work, revision and commitment to improving their outcomes all play a crucial role in the coming weeks and months. If they change nothing then nothing will change but adapting any aspect of their studies will undoubtedly have a positive effect. It is never too late to make a change, try a little harder, be more organised or do that extra bit of revision until they are sat at their desk in May with the paper in front of them.

Here at school we will continue to support the students during this time through:-

Elevating Elevens Programme, Live'n'Learn Visit, Saturday Support Sessions, Holiday Support Sessions, Mentoring Programme, and External Parental Support via 'Elevate Education'

Summer Examination Series:

The real examinations are now within sight and are only seven calendar weeks away which works out at only 20 school days! The Easter holidays make up a vital proportion of that time, students who use this time wisely with thorough planning, preparation and revision during this period will undoubtedly improve their final outcomes.

It is vitally important to be clear that during the summer examination series, students do not get a second chance to re-sit the exams if they are absent, if they miss an exam they will fail that paper and likely the whole subject. It is crucial that your child is here on time, every day, for every exam on their scheduled timetable.

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Please remember that the May exams are governed by external 'JCQ' rules which every school and every student in the country have to abide by. The rules are straight forward in that any student who misses an exam will not be permitted to 're-sit' that paper. Special consideration can be given to those with an official Medical Exemption note provided only by a medical professional - doctor/consultant or hospital. Students who are absent from an exam without exemption will be charged for that paper and the series of papers in that particular subject, they will also fail that subject. For example, missing one paper in Science will likely incur charges for all of the six Science papers, the average cost of each paper is £50.

Only students with medical toilet passes will be permitted to go to the toilet during exams. Any student using the toilet in an exam will have to make the time lost at the end of the exam to ensure that every student has the correct amount of time to complete the exam.

Parents Evening:

As the results are only reported home next week, we have decided to move our Year 11 Parents' evening to **Wednesday 17th April**, to ensure you have time to analyse the mock results before meeting with teachers. We will be sending out the appointment sign-up next week.

As you are aware, attendance everyday possible is of vital importance for the success of all our students, this is particularly true of now and your support is vital in this process. Please can you ensure that they attend every single day and sessions where possible and that they are fully prepared to learn. We will always do all we can to support both you the parent and the students with this.

There is still more than enough time to make a huge difference to final grades/outcomes and ultimately life chances if students attend every day, and make the most of the opportunities that they are given here at Central. Please do support us in supporting your child in their education and their futures.

As always, if there is anything further we can do to support your child in achieving success in August 2024, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support in your child's education at this crucial time.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Barratt', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Mr Barratt
Director of Key Stage 4