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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share information with you that we gave to students in assembly last week, about their mocks in December and looking further ahead to the summer exam season.

Year 11 students will have mock exams from **Monday 30th November to Friday 11th December**.

Students received their individual exam timetables via their tutor today. F indicates Foundation tier; H indicates Higher tier. Apart from BTEC Sport (which is happening earlier in lessons), students will have exams in all subjects during this time. When not in exams, students will have lesson time in which to revise. This is a concentrated period which is aimed to familiarise them with written exam processes and rooms; check any access arrangements and give them useful feedback on their revision and knowledge so far. This should enable them to approach the summer GCSEs with confidence. Language speaking mock exams are not scheduled in this 2-week period and students will be advised of these separately by their teachers- they will take place wb 11th January.

Students will be given their Mock Results on Thursday 7th January 2027 and we will send them home to you as well. You will then have a Y11 parents' evening on Thursday 14th of January to get feedback from staff about mock results and the road to GCSEs.

As far as the GCSE exams in summer 2027, all the information we have, including dates, is on our website here. This includes summer dates in subject order and date order.
We will be running the mocks according to the examination rules to familiarise students with the expectations for the summer. Really useful information for you and students to be familiar with can be found here.

Please remember that the **last contingency date for exams is Wednesday 23rd June 2027**, and all students must be available for exams up to and including that date.
Do not book a holiday before then – stay for the Year 11 Prom on Thurs 24th June after all!

Thank you for supporting students at this time – put their exam timetable on the fridge, get the snacks in and do offer to quiz them on their revision.

I would also like to take this opportunity to re-share some guidance from Dr Bettington and her Y11 tutor team:

- How to make a revision timetable
- Revision tasks from departments at Farmor's School
- and links to useful revision websites below.

Seneca is a free revision website which covers all school subjects. There are sections for students and parents. https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/
Pomodoro technique https://todoist.com/productivity-methods/pomodoro-technique
Learning Scientists have a really good website with downloadable materials on retrieval practice and other study techniques to improve learning. https://www.learningscientists.org/

Here is a reminder of the mock exam timetable, as already shared:

Please note that we will ensure students with access arrangements get a break between papers if they use all their extra time.

	Mon 30/11 A	**Tues 01/12 A**	**Wed 02/12 A**	**Thurs 03/12 A**	**Fri 04/12 A**		**Mon 07/12 B**	**Tues 08/12 B**	**Wed 09/12 B**	**Thurs 10/12 B**	**Friday 11/12 B**
9:00 start	Art & Textiles (all day)	English Literature Paper 1 (1hr 45)	Biology (trilogy & combined) Paper 1 (1hr 45/ 1hr 15)	Maths NC Paper 1 (1 hr 30)	English Language Paper 2 (1hr 45)		Physics (trilogy & combined) Paper 1 (1hr 45/ 1hr 15)	Chemistry (trilogy & combined) Paper 1 (1hr 45/ 1hr 15)	History Germany paper 3 (1hr 30)	Photography (all day) Further Maths (1hr 30) Media (1hr 30)	Maths Calc Paper 2 (1hr 30)
Break											
11:30 start	Art & Textiles (all day)	Geography Paper 1 Physical (1hr 15)	Sociology Paper 1 (1hr 45) Geography Paper 2 Human 1 hour (9 clashes)	Computer Science Paper 1 (2hr) RS (1hr 45)	Business Paper 1 (1hr 45)		Food preparation and nutrition Paper 1 (1hr 30) Statistics (1hr 30)	Child Development (1hr 15) DT Component 1 (2hrs) French listening & reading (1hr 45/ 1hr 20)	Drama (1hr 45) PE (1hr 15) Music Appraising (1hr 15) (3 clashes)	Photography (all day) Spanish listening & reading (1hr 45/1hr 20)	Catch ups
Lunch											
14:20	Art & Textiles (all day)									Photography (all day)	

In the meantime, if you have any questions about examinations, please ask Rachael Mundy, Examinations Officer, (rmundy@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk).
For other enquiries you are welcome to get in touch with me.

Best wishes,
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