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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Year 11, November Update**

Thank you for your continued support of your child's internal exams this month. The students continue to impress staff with good conduct in the exam hall/space and determination to carry on through many tests. We know it can be tempting to relax a little now that the core subject exams are finished in this exam period. So, I am writing to ask for your support with your child's remaining exams and daily attendance, as we approach a well-deserved Christmas break.

### Internal exams

Sadly, we did need evidence from internal exams last year, for two MRC Year 11 pupils whose education was severely disrupted in spring due to very serious illness and a sporting accident, (with both students in hospital for weeks). Your child's internal coursework or exam performance may count too, should illness or injury occur, so the best possible efforts should be made on all papers. The marks from the last exams in the series count as much as those from exams sat at the beginning of November. Linguists, for example, have speaking exams next week which count for a quarter of the grade awarded.

### Feedback and exam results

Assuming good health and attendance next term, the "mocks" for most students are the safe place to make mistakes, learn from them, improve knowledge, skills and exam techniques in time for the real GCSE papers. Now, teachers are marking exams and sharing very valuable feedback with the students in lessons. Students need to be in class, focused on the learning, to engage with this constructive feedback and push themselves to keep improving. Teachers will give raw marks but not overall grades, as students get these grades on results afternoon, to be held on Tuesday 12 December. Families then have an evening at home to reflect on the grades achieved before meeting staff online on 13 December to discuss progress at the parents' evening.

### Attendance

We will reward attendance every week for Year 11 students with prizes and positive points towards students' prom invitations. I will also reward all students who have attended every day since the exams began on 6 November. Daily attendance at school is the most significant factor contributing to a student's academic progress which is why attendance is weighted heavily in our Points for Prom Totaliser. We are impressed with the work and conduct of the year group, so we intend to increase our group booking size for them at Old Thorns for Prom 2024. But a few students currently occupy a low rank position because of casual, persistent absence. Students themselves can rectify this situation

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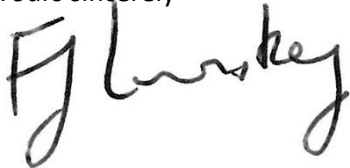
from now on with more effort and determination. Of course, serious illness or hospital treatment will be considered next spring if a student's attendance has been affected by this. We will be in touch with parents about prom invitations in February.

End of Autumn Term

Term ends on Friday 16 December. Year 11 students have important learning to do right up until this date. We do want to reward the students' recent hard work with a communal Christmas lunch in College for the year group and their tutors. This will be on Tuesday 12 December, the same day as our Carol Service and the Results afternoon. Please book parents' evening appointments soon for Wednesday 13 December.

As usual, Ms Owoh, Mrs Silverthorne and I are happy to hear from you regarding any questions or concerns about Year 11 courses or your son/daughter's welfare.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F Lunskey'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'F' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'y'.

Mrs F Lunskey

Assistant Principal Raising Standards