



10th July 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

Year 10 and Year 12 Mock Exams

I am writing following the recent mock examination period, both to thank you for your support and to acknowledge some of the challenges students faced during this period.

As you will be aware, the mock examinations took place in far from ideal circumstances following the school closure. The situation was changing rapidly, and our priority throughout was to get revised timetables to students as quickly as possible so that they had the maximum notice available.

In working at that pace, we recognise that some of our communications caused confusion rather than clarity. In some cases, the order of papers needed to be changed from the original plans, and students did not always receive information as early or as clearly as we would have liked. We are sorry for the additional uncertainty and stress this caused, and we know it made preparation harder for some students than it needed to be.

We do, however, want to reassure you about how the results will be used. Mock examinations are an important piece of evidence: for Year 10, they help inform teaching, intervention and target-setting as students move into Year 11; for Year 12, they contribute to the predicted grades that support UCAS applications. However, we are fully aware that this series was affected by disruption, and this will be taken into account. Judgements and predictions will be made using the mocks, alongside the rest of each student's work across the year, including classwork, assessments and teachers' professional knowledge of every individual, so that no student is disadvantaged by the circumstances in which these exams took place.

Despite the disruption, students approached the exams with maturity and resilience, and we were genuinely proud of how they conducted themselves. Thank you for your understanding and support throughout this period, and moving forwards.

Yours faithfully,

Mr R Peel

Deputy Headteacher