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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 have just completed their Mock exams with our teaching staff assessing and marking the papers. Teachers have been told not to release grades to students. We are having a formal Mock Results assembly on Friday 7th January. We will be emailing a copy of your child's mock results on Friday afternoon in advance of Year 11 Parents' evening which will be held on School Cloud on Monday 10th January, where you will be able to discuss the results with subject teachers. Booking for this parents' evening will be opening shortly.

On return in January we will be extending the school day for our Year 11 students as we did last year with a Period 6 lesson. On a Tuesday to Friday there will be a day dedicated to an 'Option Block' subject and the students will attend a study session in their dedicated option block subject from 15.00-16.00. At the end of P5 the students will be brought to the canteen for refreshments before they start work again. The session will run from 15.00-16.00 Tuesday – Thursday and 15.10-16.10 on a Friday.

The reason we are not using a Monday is that is our staff attend department meetings and the day we have Parents' Evenings etc. and we don't want any clashes where staff are not available for your child.

All subjects with an external exam will be covered and each day will be a different option group. For example, see below:

Monday	Tuesday Option A	Wednesday Option B	Thursday Option C	Friday Option D
	French	Geography	Sport	Triple Science
	Art	History	Dance	Sport
	DT		Acting	Hospitality
	Hospitality		Enterprise	Computer Science
			DT	

- Refreshments will be provided each day to the groups.
- We would rotate the days every half term, so that no subject is always on a Friday all year.
- We will send a reminder out about the option block subjects and we will do an assembly with Year 11 the first week back as a reminder.



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Will this have impact?

Each option subject will provide 1 extra hour a week, which increases curriculum teaching time by 40% giving an extra 20 hours per subject. This extra time will have a direct impact on improving the grades students achieve in the summer. The students followed the same plan last year and the impact was significant.

I am therefore asking for your support in implementing this as it will not work if our parents/carers and students are not on board. As with the P0 morning sessions that your child has been attending since September Period 6 will be compulsory. I appreciate it is a long day, however we feel it will be very beneficial and productive. Our students are at their best when they are with their teachers as they are on hand to help and support them all the way. Our staff are fully on board with this which is just brilliant as we all have the best interests of our young people at heart.

We will look into a Saturday options for specialist tutoring on top of the offer I am proposing if we feel it is necessary.

Please talk to your child about this offer and how important it is that they embrace it. It is a small proportion out of their life which will have a really positive impact.

Many thanks as always for all your support as we could not do this without you.

Please continue to take care and stay safe over the Christmas period.

Yours faithfully,



Mr J Koltan
Senior Assistant Headteacher