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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Updates

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We are approaching the next series of **mock examinations** for year 11 which will begin on **Monday 28th February 2022**, directly after the half term break. Pupils will receive their mock examination timetables during an assembly on Wednesday 9th February. This will also be available on the school website [here](#).

In preparation for the forthcoming exams, support will begin in earnest. From **Monday 7th February 2022**, **Study Hall** will begin for all year 11 pupils who do not have a period 6 booked. Study Hall is a quiet learning space, staffed by Leadership, where pupils can complete revision and practice exam questions using their own or school resources. Study Hall will run on **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 3.10-4.10pm** in the **Bistro**. Refreshments will be provided at the start of the session.

In advance of both the mock exams and the external summer exams, **Breakfast Sessions** will be held for pupils who wish to collect breakfast and then receive a short, focused revision session in advance of the exams of the day. Pupils will enter the school site via the top gate off Old Hall Lane, collect breakfast which will include Toast or fruit and then go straight to their revision session. Food will be provided at no charge. These sessions are intended to focus pupils before they enter the exam room. They are not compulsory, but experience tells us that pupils welcome last-minute reminders before they sit their assessments. These sessions are not intended to replace more structured revision at home.

As you know, we have been running Period 6 since the start of the academic year. We thank you for encouraging your child to attend. The current round of Period 6 will end on Friday 18th February. Thereafter, staff will use stickers in pupil planners to book pupils in for specific Catch Up or Revision sessions. These will commence after the mock exams have finished and in response to mock results. In addition, pupils may continue to attend additional revision sessions during core PE or PSHE lessons. You will receive a letter if your child is invited to one of these timetabled sessions.

You will have seen in the news that by 7th February, schools will have been provided with updates from awarding organisations about this year's exams. *'The materials are intended to communicate, in advance, the focus of the content of the 2022 examination papers'* JCQ 2022. What this will look like is yet to be confirmed for subjects. As soon as we have further information to share with you and the pupils, we will update you. In the meantime, you can access guidance on helping your child to revise [here](#). This source of information is regularly updated so please visit regularly to keep up to date with exam information.



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Revision materials for subjects can be purchased via your child's Wisepay account. The revision guides can then be collected from departments with the receipt as proof of purchase. If you need any financial support with purchases, please contact postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk.

And finally, we all know how distracting digital devices can be. Video games can be especially distracting. Although they are harmless forms of entertainment in small doses, some pupils find it hard to limit their play-time. This can lead to a lack of social interaction, lack of effort in their homework and can cause damage to their sleep patterns.

There are two things you can do to stop this from happening:

1. Use parental controls to set a time limit or,
2. Take their console or their controllers off them.

The latter may be easier said than done! That is why we are offering to take them off your hands.

If you would like us to keep your child's video game controllers or consoles in our safe, please contact postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk and we can arrange to store them safely for the duration of the exam period.

Thank you for your continued support as we prepare pupils for the demands of the coming months. While it can be a very stressful time for you and them, we aim to provide the pupils with the steps to organise their time and revision to get the outcomes that they deserve.

Yours sincerely



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