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Dear Parent/Carer

Support for Year 11 – Autumn term

I am writing to update you with some important upcoming dates for Year 11.

Mocks - The first set of Yr 11 mocks start on **Monday 23rd October and run until Friday 17th November**. As with the Yr 10 mocks in June, pupils will be required to revise for exams in all subjects. A timetable for this will follow shortly. The second set of mocks are **Monday 19th February until Friday 8th March**. Your child must attend all mocks exams.

Mock results and Parents Evenings - Pupils will be given their results from their first mock examinations in an assembly on **Tuesday 19th December**. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's mock results and predicted grades at Year 11 Parents Evening (to be held virtually) on **Thursday 11th January**. Pupils will be given their results from their second mocks in an assembly on **Thursday 21st March**. On that evening, you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's mock results and predicted grades at a further Parents Evening (to be held virtually).

To support pupils with their preparation for the first mock exam period, we have put the following support in place:

1. **'Period 6' – Monday to Friday - 3:15pm-4:00pm**. These are small group intervention sessions that target specific learning needs within each subject. Period 6 will take place in 5 week blocks throughout the year. The first round will commence on **Monday 18th September and run until Friday 20th October**. These sessions are not optional, and registers will be taken. Your child will be given a new timetable on **Friday 15th September** with the Period 6s showing on them. Please support us by ensuring your child attends these sessions. If there is an issue with your child's attendance to a Period 6, please contact postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk or ask your child to speak to Mrs McLaurie before the Period 6 is due to take place.
2. **'Study Hall' (Bistro) – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – 3:15-4:00pm** – for those not invited to interventions on a particular day, pupils are able to use the Bistro for quiet study under the supervision of the Leadership Team. There will be revision guides and other resources available here, but pupils are welcome to bring their own. Pupils do not need to book into Study Hall. They need to attend for the whole hour. It is expected that pupils use this to focus on study. Any pupil who mis-uses this facility will be directed to leave.
3. **Virtual assemblies** – every Thursday during form time (8:40-9:10) – these will give important messages about upcoming events and key things to focus on that week. It will also include booster sessions from subject teachers.
4. **Group Changes** – during the year, and particularly after the mock results, it may be necessary to change classes so that your child is in a class with those who are of similar ability. These changes will be made so that your child's teachers can target the work to a specific level and better support pupils towards hitting their target grades.



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6. **Revision guides, resources and revision materials on the website / teams** – the places on the school website which have specific information about exam content and preparation are (www.barrbeaconschool.co.uk/exams) and (www.barrbeaconschool.co.uk/revision-resources/) and (www.barrbeaconschool.co.uk/curriculum/). Subject Microsoft Teams pages are also resourced with useful materials and past papers. If you wish to buy further revision resources, please visit WEDUC for the guides we recommend (or you can purchase them online from Amazon). Once you have ordered on WEDUC, please send the screenshot of the receipt to postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk and the resources will be passed to your child. If you are ordering revision materials via other methods (e.g Amazon) please ensure you order for the correct exam boards. They are:

Exam Board	Subject
OCR	Computer Science, Art
AQA	English Language, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Science (Combined), History, Geography, Sociology, Psychology, Philosophy
EDEXCEL	Maths, English Literature, French, German, PE
WJEC	Catering
BTEC (EDEXCEL)	IT, Media, Health and Social Care, Child Development, Sport, Enterprise, Dance, Drama, Music

If you have any questions about the support that is being provided please contact Mrs McLaurie, Deputy Headteacher via postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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