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### Support for Year 11 – Autumn term

Dear Parent/Carer

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

**Mocks** - The first set of Year 11 mocks start on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 and run until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024.** As with the Year 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 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025.** 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 **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024.** 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 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025.** Pupils will be given their results from their second mocks in an assembly on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025.** On **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025,** 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) **'How to revise' support evening – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 6:00pm - 7:00pm** – following on from mocks in Year 10, your child may be looking for more effective ways to revise. This optional session will help pupils with their revision techniques to help them prepare for the next round of mocks. More details to follow shortly.
- 2) **'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 6 week blocks throughout the year. The first round will commence on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and run until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024.** These sessions are not optional, and registers will be taken. Your child will be given a new timetable on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024** 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](mailto:postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk) or ask your child to speak to Mrs McLaurie before the Period 6 is due to take place.
- 3) **'Study Hall' (Bistro) – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – 3:15pm - 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.



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- 4) **Virtual assemblies** – every Monday during form time (8:50am - 9:10am) – 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.
- 5) **October / February Half Term / Easter Revision Sessions** – timetables and invites to follow.
- 6) **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 performing 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.
- 7) **Revision guides, resources and revision materials on the website / teams** – your child was given a set of revision guides for all subjects in June. If you are ordering further 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 ([lmclaurie@barrbeaconschool.co.uk](mailto:lmclaurie@barrbeaconschool.co.uk))

Yours sincerely,



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