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Dear Parent,

The Year 11 Mock Examinations are scheduled to take place during the week beginning Monday 7 December. The examinations are obviously an important measure to gauge current attainment and also to give a clear indication of a student's potential in the final GCSEs.

The revision booklet you received by email yesterday provides information on revision strategies and content of exams. Subject Leaders have given an overview of the requirements of each exam to enable students to prepare themselves appropriately. Students have already received a hard copy of the booklet to assist them in their revision.

Subject Leaders have prepared a variety of revision materials in the 'department' section of FROG. In addition, FROG allows students to:

- Access lesson and revision materials from home through a web browser.
- Access their homedrive and Rdrive wherever they are.
- Access school information such as their weekly timetable and attendance.
- Navigate the platform through a variety of devices – tablets, laptop, PC or phone.

Year 11 have also been given access to GCSEPod (www.gcsepod.com) which is a resource that can be accessed via FROG or via the GCSEPod app. GCSEPod covers 20 subjects and features over 3000 audio-visual podcasts. This provides over 400 hours of curriculum-relevant learning and revision material, written by teachers, narrated by professional voiceover artists and enhanced with text and images to engage the user. Each title features several 3-5 minute chapters which present students with relevant, easy-to-digest information.

To access GCSEPod via FROG, click on the FROG icon on the student dashboard. FROG will automatically sign the user in without the need for a password. Alternatively, your son can select Frogdrive and then select 'Applications'. They should then select the GCSEPod icon. If your son has forgotten their username and/or password and would like to have direct access from the GCSEPod website or app, they can reset their password when logged in through FROG. For those students who have not registered for GCSEPod go to www.gcsepod.com click 'login' and then:

Click NEW HERE? GET STARTED
Enter name, date of birth and choose school (type 'king')
Select a username and password and select subjects you study

Further information on GCSEPod can be accessed at www.gcsepod.com/parents/. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding FROG or GCSEPod.

Yours sincerely,

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