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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11 students,

We have now collated the results from your child's mock exams, predominantly taken in December 2020, and will release these to Year 11 parents and carers today. In previous years, we have always given students their results on the same day as the parents and carers information evening. This would have given us an opportunity to support, discuss and fully explain the results with your child throughout the day, and then again with parents and carers on the night. However, due to the national lockdown and government announcements regarding Year 11, the parents and carers information evening this half term has had to be delayed until Thursday 11th February 2021 (3.30 pm to 6.30 pm).

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all about the circumstances Year 11 have found themselves in since March 2020 up until the present time. Students have missed a considerable amount of face-to-face study in school in both Year 10 and 11 and therefore it should come as no surprise if your child did not do as well as they had hoped. I would like to make it extremely clear that these grades are **NOT** their predicted grades for summer 2021. These grades are a snapshot based on practice exams that all students undertook and the scores for their coursework completed up until that point. This snapshot was almost seven months before their planned summer exam period, in what was an extremely challenging term for all students nationally. Please remember that these grades are not your child's final grades - very far from it. They can and will, with continued effort and application, improve their grades over the coming months.

If these were the outcomes you hoped for or were expecting, then we are extremely pleased that their commitment and determination is reflected in their grades. If they are lower than what you were expecting, then please take note of the following:

1. Firstly, do not panic. This is exactly what mocks are for. They are a trial run before students normally face the real thing in the summer of 2021.
2. Do not dwell. Encourage students to move forward and focus on what's ahead of them and start making changes today.
3. Listen and talk to your child's teachers during the parents and carers information evening on Thursday 11th February.
4. How do students improve? Teachers will go through the mock papers with their classes over the coming weeks. They will identify strengths and weaknesses, and adjust their teaching plans to support students.

We fully understand that some students prepare, perform, and react differently to mocks as they would if it were the real thing. We are aware that each student treats their mocks differently, therefore, please be supportive and positive with your child and work together, and with the school, to move forward over the coming weeks and months.





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Most importantly, and especially for some qualifications, their final grades will also take into account any work and assessments completed whilst the students are participating in remote or onsite learning, in the spring and summer term (over the next 5 months). Therefore, working at home prior to their return is of vital importance. We monitor the attendance of every Year 11 lesson. Attendance to live lessons and completion of home learning activities clearly demonstrates a student's willingness to engage in their learning. All work completed during home learning contributes to better and more accurate teacher-assessed grades.

It is vitally important all students are prepared for post-16 college or work-based training and we want to build and cement the foundations for next year so our students do not have any gaps. We are aware there are a small handful of students who have not fully engaged in their home learning and may not listen to this message, if you need support please contact Mrs Clay (clayd@kelvinhall.net) to discuss this.

Please note, we are not sharing updated student predicted grades for the summer at this present time. We have spoken to the colleges regarding this and they are fully aware of the circumstances. Please continue to use your previous predicted grades from November 2020 for any future interviews or applications. **Your child does not need to add their mock grades to application forms or inform colleges or other providers of their results.**

In the meantime, if you have any immediate queries or questions before meeting your child's teachers on the 11th of February, then please email exams@kelvinhall.net. Your request will be directed to the most relevant member of staff to answer and we will endeavour to reply to you at the earliest opportunity.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued patience and support. I do hope the remote learning is going well, our staff are working hard to ensure our planning and delivery of our remote education in the coming weeks will continue to be of the highest standard.

Best wishes

Mr P Cavanagh
Executive Headteacher

