



Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to wish you a Happy New Year and report a positive start to the new term for Year 11. On the whole pupils have returned in a positive mind set, suitably refreshed from the mock exams by the two week break.

Next week Year 11 will receive their mock exam grades as well as a 'predicted final grade' for each subject and I wanted to help you best support them during this exercise.

There will doubtless be great successes to celebrate along with some less pleasing results. This is the case every single year and today in their morning assembly pupils have been encouraged to respond well to whatever they have achieved in their mock exams.

All positive results should absolutely be celebrated but with an air of caution. I will encourage them to focus on the way these results make them feel and to channel that energy and happiness into their efforts during their final full term as we move towards the final exam. No final grades have been awarded yet and therefore, they must continue to work hard to make sure these grades are also obtained in the summer, when it really counts.

Any negative results should be used as fire to fuel the hard work to come. Teachers will be offering their expert advice in how pupils can improve their grade(s) and this advice must be followed immediately to ensure it can have an impact. There are approximately 14 teaching weeks remaining before the first whole-cohort exam (Monday 12th May – English Literature Paper 1) and there will be other option components taking place before this. It is ok to be upset and or frustrated by a result and please do feel free to offer your young person your sympathy here but the reaction that will change a grade is one of action.

The action that can be taken is;

- Acting upon the advice of the class teacher (They will be able to elaborate further here at Year 11 Parent's Evening; Wednesday 29th January 2025)
- Attending Period 6 sessions where they're running.
- Working hard and completing homework to the highest possible standard.

Revision guidance can be found here; <https://www.kimberleyschool.co.uk/year11studyhub>

I'm looking forward to seeing how they step up to the challenge presented by their mock results and I thank you for any words of preparation you might be able to offer them over the weekend.

Thanks and best wishes,

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