



# DARWEN VALE HIGH SCHOOL

An Aldridge Community Academy



20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to inform you of our Mock examination schedule and the free tuition which we are continuing to provide to all year 11 students over the next 3 months in the run up to the GCSE examinations. **The final set of year 11 mocks take place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March.** The full timetable is attached with this letter and will also be available on our website. Attendance to every mock examination is vital to ensure that subject teachers are aware of the strengths and more importantly areas to focus on with your child over the next 48 days. These are the last ever mocks your child will sit before the real GCSE's commence on 15<sup>th</sup> May.

I delivered an assembly to the year group today where I launched our Passport to the Prom and every Year 11 student received their Passport to the prom. Inside the passport there are certain conditions that every student must meet to be able to purchase their ticket to prom. These include having excellent attendance and punctuality – starting today, and attendance at key events such as parents' evenings.

Your child should be revising now. At least 2 hours per evening and 3-4 hours on a weekend. We have also used government funding to employ mentors in Maths, English and Science. These mentors continue to be working with students in school, at weekends and during holidays. They are employed up to 4.30pm each evening and on Saturdays!

At the recent parents evening we provided your child with revision cards, post it notes and highlighters to aid them in their revision. More equipment will be available to your child at **parents evening, which is on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 5pm till 7pm.** If you are unable to attend parents evening please email Mrs McKenna ([claire.Mckenna@darwenvale.com](mailto:claire.Mckenna@darwenvale.com)) to arrange an appointment in school with either Mrs McKenna or myself where we can go through your child's progress so far and in their mock examinations.

We have supplied Year 11 with revision guides when they were in Year 10, and stationery at the last parents evening. More equipment will be distributed at parents evening. A revision timetable can be downloaded from the year 11 page on our website <https://www.darwenvale.com/year-11> and we encourage all year 11 to start to plan a revision timetable now to ensure they have a plan of what to revise and when.

We really want to do everything we can to ensure that this year group are fully prepared for these examinations, and I cannot thank you enough for all your support with ensuring that your child attends school every day and on time for the next few months.

If you have any further enquiries regarding Year 11 revision or examinations, please contact me in school.

I enclose with this letter:

- A full mock examination timetable
- Saturday school timetable up till Christmas
- Passport to the prom criteria

Yours faithfully,

Ruth Cull  
Vice Principal