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Dear Parents and Carers,

Update on Year 10 Mock Exams: A Fantastic Start

I am writing to share some positive feedback regarding the three Year 10 science mock exams that have taken place last week.

As you may know, stepping into an exam hall under strict, formal conditions is a significant milestone for our students. It is entirely natural for them to feel a wave of nerves or pressure leading up to this point. However, the way your child handled themselves last week has been nothing short of exceptional. They have shown us exactly what they are capable of, both academically and in their character.

I wanted to highlight a few specific things that the staff and I have been particularly impressed by across the cohort:

- **Outstanding Maturity:** The students have lined up and entered the exam hall with absolute focus and silence. They have shown great respect for themselves and their peers, creating an environment where everyone can concentrate.
- **Excellent Conduct:** We have seen a fantastic level of behaviour in the exams. Students have attended their boosters and worked hard during these supporting their final preparations. Then they have moved to the exam hall arriving punctually proving they are taking this process seriously and taking ownership of their learning.
- **Calm Resilience:** Exams can be overwhelming, but Year 10 have tackled these first papers with real grit. Even when faced with challenging questions, they have kept their heads down and given it their absolute best effort.

A quick note on how you can support them at home: Please reassure your child that these mock exams are a diagnostic tool, not a final judgment. They are simply a stepping stone to help the science teachers understand how best to support them over the next year. Whatever the outcome of these individual papers, the maturity they have shown in adapting to the exam hall is a massive achievement in itself.

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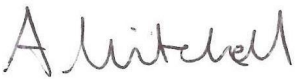
We ask that you pass on our congratulations and pride to your child. Thank you for your continued support from home, and we look forward to the summer series of mocks where your child will sit papers in all of their other subjects, more information on them will be shared in due course.

Kind regards,



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