



CLAREMONT HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware, all year 11 students will be sitting a series of mock exams in December for all subjects. A full exam timetable will be issued to students within the next fortnight and we will also send this to parents. During this period, we aim to provide a situation as similar as possible to what the students will experience during their actual GCSE exams in the summer. The purpose of this is to help students to develop the skills necessary for dealing with a pressurised and often stressful environment of having multiple exams within a short time period.

See Edition 6 of The Clarionette for a link to an article explaining the importance of mock exams. The Clarionette can be found here:

http://www.claremontacademy.org.uk/Clarionette/Clarionette_11_11_16.pdf

It is crucially important that students prepare for these exams and we will ensure that they are doing so in lessons. We appreciate your support in also ensuring that students are working at home. They should be doing revision every evening and for a period of time at weekends as well as completing any homework set by teachers. We would recommend students devising a revision timetable to ensure that they are preparing for all subjects in equal measures.

On the school website, we have put a link to a document with a number of study skills and revision strategies for students to use during their preparation, as well as document with suggestions of how you, as parents, can also help to support your child in making the most out of their revision.

[http://www.claremontacademy.org.uk/CurriculumLinks/Strategies for Success Handbook.pdf](http://www.claremontacademy.org.uk/CurriculumLinks/Strategies_for_Success_Handbook.pdf)
[http://www.claremontacademy.org.uk/CurriculumLinks/STUDY SKILLS Parent Flyer.pdf](http://www.claremontacademy.org.uk/CurriculumLinks/STUDY_SKILLS_Parent_Flyer.pdf)

In addition to these resources, we have also put together a subject revision guide aimed to help parents understand the demands of each of the GCSE subjects and offer more specific information about topics that are covered in the exams. This document can be found by following the below link on the website:

[http://www.claremontacademy.org.uk/CurriculumLinks/Parents Y11 Revision Guide.pdf](http://www.claremontacademy.org.uk/CurriculumLinks/Parents_Y11_Revision_Guide.pdf)

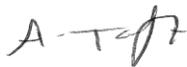
In January, students will receive the results of their mock exams in an envelope, again to re-create the feel of a results day.

As I am sure you are aware, a significant amount of the work set by teachers in preparation for mock exams and assessments requires them to access resources online. In addition, a number of the study resources available to students, such as GCSEpod and Mymaths, also requires students to be able to readily access the internet.

If you have any concerns about your child having access to any of these resources at home, please complete the brief form below and either send back via email to atoft@claremont-high.org.uk, or send a hard copy with your child to hand to their form tutor. It is important we are aware of this information so that we can do everything we can to ensure that students have access to these resources within school, for example utilising the library computers after school.

If you have any questions regarding the mock exams, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the PPMs for the year group.

Yours Sincerely,



Ms A.Toft

(Head of KS4)



NAME OF CHILD:

FORM:

Does your child readily have access to the following resources at home?

Resource	Y/N
Computer/Laptop	
Internet	
Printer	

Do you feel that your child would benefit from having more access to these resources for studying within school?

PLEASE RETURN TO MR BARTHOLOMEW / MR RAI BY THURSDAY 01ST DECEMBER. THANK YOU

Claremont High School Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of students and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure via the DBS.



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