



OLD BUCKENHAM
HIGH SCHOOL

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30th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you firstly to commend your children on how well they conducted themselves during the mock examinations, and to explain what comes next in terms of further preparation for their final examination later in the year. I appreciate how tiring the mock exam period was, and am enormously proud of the resilience and determination all students demonstrated throughout.

The results of the mock exams will soon be published and available on G4S, and I would encourage you to discuss the results at home. It is possible that students' mock grades will be below their target grades. Please be reassured that this is to be expected as students have further preparation and revision to undertake prior to their summer exams, both in their lessons and independently at home. However, if there is a significant difference then it is important that more immediate actions are taken, both by the school and by the students independently. Mr Taylor and Miss Cooper will explain more fully the support and guidance that will be offered, and students will be taught, through their ILT sessions, effective strategies to be self-motivated and directed learners in preparation for their final exams.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that 'dropping' subjects is not an option. All Year 11 students are expected to complete the two-year course at KS4. Furthermore, we expect that all students continue to actively participate and demonstrate a positive Attitude to Learning in all subjects over the last two terms. Failure to do so will jeopardise their participation in the planned celebratory activities, and be sanctioned in line with the school behaviour policy. Mr Taylor will be sharing how the 'Passport to Prom' works with all students prior to the start of the Spring term, as it is an earned privilege to be able to attend the end of year celebrations such as Leavers Day and the Prom: students who do not meet our expectations will not be invited to attend or take part.

One action the school is taking immediately to support students in their preparation, is reorganising ILT sessions and to ensure this valuable lesson time is focussed and directed to the right activities. Can I reassure parents that no changes have been made to Year 11 students' form groups: they will continue to meet with their form tutor daily during Base Time.

Given the most recent news about the situation regarding Covid we will continue to work as hard as possible to provide Year 11 with all the support they need to make sure they are successful in their exams and future plans.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Fell

Headteacher

