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**Dear Families** 

As we approach the end of the autumn term, I would like to thank you for your support with the recent mock GCSE exams for our Year 11 students. I am delighted with how they have conducted themselves during this stressful time and hope that their hard work and preparation is rewarded with pleasing results.

To commence the spring term there will be a guest speaker in school on Thursday 4 January running revision focused workshops. These workshops will support Year 11 students in all aspects of effective revision. In addition there will be an evening session for parents that will outline the best ways for to support your child in planning a suitable revision schedule, revision strategies and managing stress. The event will be held in the theatre at 6.30pm and I hope you will be able to attend. Please confirm your attendance by Friday 15 December by email to info@teddingtonschool.org.uk.

On Friday 12 January all Year 11 students will receive their Mock results, in a similar way in which they will receive their GCSE results in the summer. Our aim is to replicate the tension, nervous excitement and resulting emotions caused, in order to invigorate and motivate students for the final run up to the real exams. They will also receive their interim report and this will include further information on their progress and predicted GCSE outcomes. This event is followed by the Year 11 Parent Consultations on Wednesday 17 January.

Please note that some departments, whose exams were at the very start of the exam period and whose marking demands are different, are in a position to return the marked papers before this date. This will allow question level analysis and follow up improvement tasks to be carried out in class. This will also help stagger these follow up tasks and enable students to start revision for some subjects during the Christmas holidays. We will not share actual grades until 12 January.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of your child as they enter an incredibly important time in their studies, and I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Miss Thornley Head of Year 11