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Dear Parent,

The Michaelmas term will be a crucial and important time for your son as the GCSE exams loom ever closer. One very important part of the examination process will be the coursework component. Pupils can secure high marks if their coursework is done well and this will provide an excellent platform in their aim to achieve top grades.

I have enclosed a sheet that summarises for each subject the important points about coursework. It is not meant to be comprehensive, but a guide for parents. Individual teachers will give detailed information to help your son complete their coursework and also the criteria the examination boards will use in their assessment. Some departments will have placed these on the Internet. (www.lrqs.org.uk)

It is important to remember that all pieces of coursework must be your son's own work and he will have to sign a form acknowledging that this is the case in each subject. Parents can give support in planning and organising their son's work. It is very important that coursework is well planned to prevent classwork from suffering. This term will be busy, and students need to be particularly well organised. Important deadlines are published in the School Calendar for your information.

In some GCSE subjects there is no coursework assessment. (French, Spanish, Mathematics, German, Greek, Latin and Divinity)

I have also included below the dates for the science modular exams in January, and the date for the potential retake of module 1B in March.

| Subject & Code | Date & Session | Duration in Minutes |
|----------------|--|---------------------|
| BLY2 | Thursday 14 th January a.m. | 45 |
| CHY2 | Monday 18 th January a.m. | 45 |
| BLY1B, CHY1B | Wednesday 3 rd March a.m. | 30 |

* Dates and times of June examinations to be advised at a later date.

If you require further details or wish to discuss any other matter please feel free to contact me at School.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Ralston
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