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Dear Parents

The end of term is fast approaching and every boy in Year 11 should be working hard. Like everybody they will be looking forward to the Christmas break, but they must also ensure that momentum is not lost as they have a busy and important time ahead of them in January. The purpose of this letter is to explain what will be happening at the start of the Lent term 2010 during the Mock exam period.

By now your son will have received a copy of the mock examination timetable for January 2010. If you would like your own copy, it can be accessed and printed from the School website www.lrgs.org.uk, within “parent’s letters.”

The Lent term commences on Tuesday 5th January 2010 and your son should register with his form tutor in the morning. He will then be on study leave until lessons recommence on Monday 18th January 2010. **During this period, your son will only be expected to come to School when he has an exam.** Therefore it is important that his timetable is accessible and kept safe! After an exam has finished he will be allowed to go home. If this is inconvenient there will be space which is made available in the School for work and revision.

During the mock exam period there will be two different types of exams:

Science Modules (B2 and C2)

On Thursday 14th and Monday 18th January, the boys will be sitting GCSE modules in Biology and Chemistry (B2 and C2). These are external exams and each will be 45mins in length.

Mock Exams

Apart from the two science subjects, there will be mock exams in every other subject.

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Information Evening

On Monday January 25th 2010, the School will be holding an Information Evening at which boys and parents can gain information about Sixth Form entrance procedures and the AS Level courses on offer. Please put this date in your diary. Timings and further information will follow.

Parents Evening

The Parents evening will be held on Wednesday 10th February 2010. Prior to this important evening, you will receive your son's Lent term report, which will give details of all his mock GCSE results.

Revision

It is a busy and important time of the year for your son. He will need to be organised and will require support. It is our expectation that your son should be using the Christmas period and study leave to revise. On the School website there are details about study skills and references to some useful revision sites. To access this information, log on to the school website www.lrgs.org.uk, then About LRGS, Parents, Letters to Parents, GCSE Study Guide and Exam Techniques.

Future Dates

Attached is a summary of coursework requirements that have to be completed over the two years of the boys' GCSE courses. There will be a number of important coursework deadlines approaching in the Lent term.

I hope that this information is helpful and please free to contact me at School if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Ralston