Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Updated Arrangements for Year 11 Mock Examinations**

I am writing to you regarding amendments to arrangements for the year 11 mock examinations due to commence next week.  Our aim is to ensure that the integrity of the examinations is maintained despite some students self-isolating until Thursday.

**Mock Examination Dates**

Mock examinations will now commence on **Wednesday 2 December** with the final date of examinations being **Tuesday 15 December**. All students are required to be back in school on **Tuesday 15 December**.  Those students who have an exam on that day should go to the usual exam line up area and students who have completed their exams should go to their tutor base.

**Study Leave**

Study leave for mock examinations for all year 11 students will commence on **Monday 30November** as previously planned.  Students who wish to study in school are invited to do so and classrooms in the Y3 corridor will be made available for that purpose.  Students who wish to study at home may do so as previously indicated.

**Where will exams take place?**

The rescheduling of the mock timetable has enabled the vast majority of exams to take place at school as planned.  The delayed start and rearrangement of some particular subject papers means that most students will have completed their period of self-isolation prior to sitting their first exam.

Over 3000 papers will be sat throughout the mock examination period.  The rescheduling has resulted in 20 individual students being required to each sit one paper at home. This does not include any of the core subjects sat by all students.  Special guidance will be sent separately to those students required to complete an exam at home.  Of these examinations there are only 4 students with special access arrangements who will receive separate bespoke guidance for that particular paper.

**All students are required to review the new timetable (attached to this email) to ensure that they arrive on the correct date at the correct time for each paper they are required to sit.**

**Social Distancing during the exam period**

Year 11 students have impressed me with their commitment to their studies and I appreciate the anxiety around the potential importance of mock exams this year.  Whilst the current situation has been unavoidable, please remind students that current lockdown regulations remain in place until **Wednesday 2 December**.  The additional time away from school should only be used for exam preparation at home or in school.  This will ensure that exams can proceed and we are all doing our best to reduce the spread of infection.  Should your child fall ill during the period of examinations or be required to self-isolate due to a family member becoming unwell they must not come to school and must contact Rabbi Cohen cohen@jfs.brent.sch.uk

I would like to take this opportunity to wish year 11 every success in their mock examinations.  I hope that the outcomes present a true reflection of the hard work and effort I have seen being made in classes throughout this term.  The year team and I look forward to being able to celebrate the end of this exam season during Chanukah and the final week of term.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs Rachel Fink**

**Headteacher**