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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Year 13 Christmas and Trial Exams

As we draw the first term of Year 13 to a close, we have some key dates and information to share with parents, carers and students.

Firstly, I would like to remind you that the next half term begins on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January**, and I expect all students to be in school on this day, it will be a normal school day of lessons and study sessions. It is a good opportunity for students to ensure they are back in the school mind set following the Christmas break.

Following this, Year 13 students will be sitting their trial exams; these run from **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January**. Students have received both their timetables and exam venues, should they be unsure about this information, it can be accessed on Student BromCom. As you are aware, these exams will be a formal assessment of the subject content covered to date. Earlier this half term, Mr Leat shared the list of content and topics which students should prioritise in their revision for these exams. Students will be on study leave during this time and should only come into school when they have an exam.

Students will return to school on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**. During this time, there will be the opportunity to reflect on trial exam results which will be shared via a report, and students will continue with their preparations for their summer public examinations. This is a short half term, ending on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. There will be a number of students who are participating in school trips over the half term; I strongly encourage students to ensure that they make preparations ahead of trips to complete work in advance.

We would like to remind you of the importance of **effective and timely revision**. We would encourage students to continue consolidating their learning following their trial exams. In form time, students will be receiving guidance about effective revision tools which they can use to help consolidate their learning and prepare for assessments. These resources will also be shared on the Google Classroom and form tutors will be supporting students over the coming months.

**Attendance** is paramount at this stage of Year 13 and I expect students to be present in all lessons so they can access all resources and teachers' support. Students who have a planned absence need to complete a blue form (available in school) for the absence to be authorised. I would ask for this to be completed with a week's notice where possible.



Finally, I am really pleased for all the students who have secured interviews and offers at their chosen universities as part of the **UCAS** application process this term. There are some universities that wait until January before responding, so do not worry if there are some offers awaiting a decision. Once all responses have been received, I would encourage students to review the offers carefully, in light of their trial exams, before confirming which institution will be their 'firm' and 'insurance' choice. I would advise students to have at least a grade difference. Students will need to check on their UCAS Track account for the specific date by which they need to respond to the offers. Students applying for apprenticeships will continue to be offered one-to-one support, they need to keep us up to date with their intended applications so that we can help.

I wish all of the students the best of luck for their upcoming exams. I hope you all enjoy a restful festive break.

Yours sincerely,

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