

February 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

Y11 Mock Examinations February 2025

I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for the forthcoming assessments that will take place during the week beginning Monday 24th February 2024 for all Year 11 pupils and how we are working to support pupils in their preparation now and for the summer.

You will find details of specific assessment details attached to this letter. They are also accessible through the 'Learning at Forge Valley', 'Exams' section of the school website alongside details of summer exams.

Normal timetabled lessons will continue when assessments are not taking place.

In addition, I enclose detailed guidance for all pupils and families on the nature of each assessment with some tips on how to prepare effectively.

I am also delighted to share with you information on 'GCSE Pod'. This is a new online programme that we have invested in to support pupils' revision. Pupils have already been shown this programme through a mixture of assembly and tutor time sessions and all have access. Further information is again within attachments. I know from working closely with other schools that effective use of this material can have an extremely positive impact on pupil progress and outcomes.

Lastly, but by no means least important, I also attach details of focused revision sessions over the February half-term break for extra support prior to mocks. I hope your child is able to attend these. Similar sessions are likely to take place over the Easter break and details of these shall be shared in due course.

If you have any further questions in relation to these assessments, please do not hesitate to contact me through my e-mail address: jwatson@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk

I thank you in advance for encouraging your child to attend these assessments and continuing to encourage them to attend school. They are a vital aspect of preparation for summer GCSE examinations.

Yours faithfully,

J Watson

Mr J Watson
Head of School

