



3 December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 – Feedback Post Mocks and GCSE Mock Results Day

I trust this letter finds you well. As we approach an important milestone in your child's academic journey, we would like to provide you with essential information regarding the feedback process following the recent mock examinations and the upcoming GCSE mock results day.

We are incredibly proud of how the students have performed over the last two weeks. They have shown a determination to succeed and we are looking forward to seeing how their continued hard work is progressing towards the end goal of the Summer Exams, which is now only 150 days away!

Mock examinations serve as a valuable tool for both students and educators, offering a glimpse into areas of strength and areas that may require additional focus. Our dedicated teaching staff are currently assessing each student's performance, and we are committed to providing constructive feedback to guide their ongoing preparation for the upcoming GCSEs.

GCSE Mock Results Day:

The **GCSE mock results day** is scheduled for **Friday 13 December**. On this day, students will attend an assembly period 1 highlighting the importance of the actions they take following their results to maximise their performance in their real exams next summer. Students will be given an appointment time to receive their mock examination results during periods 2 to 5; they will have the opportunity to discuss their performance with a senior member of staff.

Feedback Process:

During the week commencing Monday 16 December, detailed subject-specific feedback will be provided to students in lessons, outlining the key areas of achievement and highlighting potential areas for improvement. Classes will receive whole class feedback as well as students receiving individual feedback in lessons. Students will carry out 'red to react' work and teachers will go through mock exam papers with students. This process aims to facilitate targeted revision strategies and support continued academic development. Period 6 will also be updated in January to ensure students are allocated sessions relevant to their areas requiring development.

We encourage parents to engage in conversations with their child about their results and attend the parents' evening to address any queries or concerns.

Parents' Evening:

We will be hosting a dedicated **parents' evening on Tuesday 21 January**, providing an opportunity for parents to meet with subject teachers to discuss their child's progress, receive guidance on supporting revision, and address any questions or concerns. Further details about the parents' evening will be communicated prior to the Christmas holidays.

Summer External Exams:

The summer exams start on 7 May and finish 26 June 2025. Please ensure that no holidays are booked between these dates as external examinations cannot be rearranged.

Prior to the summer examinations, students will receive a personal timetable; this will tell them the venue for each examination and their seat number. Students must attend all exams, failure to attend may result in the cost of the examination being charged to parent(s)/carer(s). A further letter will be sent to parents of students who have missed exams.

At The Oakwood Academy, we are committed to working collaboratively with parents to ensure the success of every student. If you have any immediate questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange a meeting with the relevant staff.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to working together to help your child achieve their full potential.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Byrne'.

Ms S. Byrne
Deputy Head Teacher