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Dear parent/carers,

RE: Key Dates and Examination Information

As we approach the end of the mock examination period, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some upcoming events and some key dates for the rest of the year as we jointly prepare for the A level examinations this summer.

During the past two weeks we have held our mock exams. These exams are an important step in the preparation for the final examinations that will take place this summer and will give the students and you, as parents/carers the best indication yet of the grades they are likely to attain. Because of their importance, after the exams finish, teachers will need to check and moderate the marking and scoring to ensure that they give the most accurate information that they can. To allow this to happen, while teachers may discuss exam papers and areas for improvement with students earlier, **the actual mock grades will only be given out on February 10th 2023**. This will allow us all to have a clear focus in the run up to the final exams.

To help students study and prepare for their exams, the school library is open each evening after school providing a quiet supervised space that students can use for study.

The final examination period runs from **15th May 2023 to 30th June 2023**, with a break for the half term holiday between 27th May and 4th June. Students must be available for the whole period and holidays etc. **must not be booked in this time**. The school does not have any control over these external examination dates, and **it is not possible to rearrange these examinations for any reason** as they are organised for the whole country to take at the same time.

There is often discussion around the idea of “study leave” when examinations take place. Here at St. Benedict's we believe that the best place for students to prepare for their




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exams is in their lessons with their class teachers. **As a result, lessons will continue as timetabled for each subject until the final examination in that subject has been completed.** Attendance at these lessons is compulsory until 26th May and highly recommended after this date, as we recognise that students may wish to spend more time preparing at home for their upcoming exams.

Should you have any queries relating to the upcoming exams, please don't hesitate to contact us at the school.

Yours faithfully,



Mr M Hamilton
Head of Sixth Form



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Deputy Head Teacher

