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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 12 attendance has been poor over the last two days, approximately 50%. This is largely as a result of a positive case in Year 12 which has led to 21 students self-isolating. We fully expected Year 12 attendance to be an issue but needed to run the English and Maths mock exams scheduled for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December to allow English and Maths teachers the opportunity to assess student progress in advance of the January modules. Now that these papers are done we have decided to suspend the mock timetable.

Year 12 students will not be required to attend school tomorrow or for the rest of the week.

The mocks scheduled for tomorrow (Child Development, Media Studies, Construction, Irish, History, Art, Performing Arts) will be re-scheduled for all on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, the school return date.

For students who have been absent this week mock exams missed will be re-scheduled as follows:

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

- English Language – Pd 1&2  
Break
- Maths – Pd 3&4  
Lunch
- English Literature - Pd 5&6

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January is a Staff Development Day so only Year 12 students who have been absent this week and who have missed these exams are required to attend. School buses will be available but students will need to bring their break and lunch.

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January the Science and RE mocks which some students have also missed will be re-run, as follows.

- Religion – Pd 1-2  
Break
- Science - Pd 3&4

Normal timetable will resume for all on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Please note that it is imperative that all Year 12 students return to school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January as all students will be sitting GCSE papers the following week.

GCSE Exams:

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January – Maths GCSE

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January – English GCSE

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January – English GCSE

Students need to remain focused in the weeks ahead, with mocks to do and GCSE papers to sit as soon as they return. Please encourage them to log in to their Google Classrooms where staff will have provided work to keep them busy.

The last few days have been particularly challenging for all associated with Year 12. I want to thank you for your support and patience and conclude by wishing you and your family a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Catriona McAteer  
Principal