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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

As the Track 2 assessments are approaching (**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January**). I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your support in ensuring your child prepares thoroughly at home.

These are the mock GCSE examinations and will be an indication to how well your child is progressing towards their external exams. Following these exams, we will track and identify underperformance and where we have concerns, we will invite you and your child to attend an underachievement meeting.

It is important that your child develops a strong work ethic, as this will be one of the requirements for entry to 6<sup>th</sup> Form. **If your child is considering a place in 6<sup>th</sup> Form, it is important that you are aware of the entrance requirements.**

Sixth Form study is very different to GCSE, as pupils must demonstrate enough maturity to engage in self-directed and independent study. Therefore, we will be reviewing behaviour and attendance alongside GCSE outcomes, when considering 6<sup>th</sup> Form entry.

For those pupils who have not made the best choices with regards to behaviour and/or attendance in Year 12, this term will be critical to their return to 6<sup>th</sup> Form. I encourage you to discuss this with your child, urging them improve conduct and work ethic this term, so that they do not eliminate themselves from a place in our 6<sup>th</sup> Form.

It is our desire that your child performs to their best in their GCSE exams and that begins with adequate preparation for Track 2 assessments. We would also like to see those expressing an interest in returning to 6<sup>th</sup> Form being able to do so, however, this will ultimately be their decision.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

