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Dear Students & Parents,

In January most Post 16 students will be sitting at least a couple of AS/A2 modules and A2 students may have re-sit modular exams in some of their subjects. Exam timetables will be distributed to students and they should check these carefully.

Exams run between **Tuesday 10 January** and **Friday 27 January 2012**. Students are expected to attend all lessons in each of their subjects up to the day of the exam in that subject. Once they have taken the exam they may, if they and their teachers wish, have exam study leave in those lessons until lessons recommence with their summer module work. [Example: AS Statistics takes place on **Tuesday 17 January**. Students attend lessons in Statistics up to that date, and then not again until lessons start again on **Monday 23 January**.] In some cases, teachers may decide to continue with lessons.

AS lessons in exam subjects formally begin again on **Monday 23 January**.

Most A2 exams take place between **Thursday 19 January and Friday 27 January 2012**. Please note that there may be some overlap with a few A2 exams taking place earlier than this. The same principles apply to A2 students as to AS students. They are expected to attend all lessons until their exam in a specific subject.

A2 lessons begin again on **Tuesday 31 January 2012**.

Where students do not have a January module exam in a particular subject, they are expected to continue to attend lessons in that subject throughout the whole of the exam period, except on the days of actual exams.

Departments will be organising Enhancement revision sessions in addition to these. In many cases, revision materials and exam details are published on the VLE pages for individual subjects. Some general revision guidance and details of the exam boards' regulations are also on the Post 16 Portal page of the VLE, and students should ensure that they have read these. In addition, students may wish to make full use of the dedicated Post 16 private study facilities available: the LRC (with support from the LRC staff), the Post 16 Study Room (with support available from Mrs Baldwin), and the Common Room, for independent work.

These exams are external exams and form part of the final overall grade a student will receive at AS or A2. To that end, it is vital that students prepare themselves thoroughly by organising a revision schedule and working to it. Students who fail a January module exam should expect to be removed from that course; in some cases, where their programme of study falls below the minimum level, they may have to leave college altogether.

Yours sincerely,

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