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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Year 11 Mock Exam Results Day – Friday 8 December 2017**

As I write to you, the Year 11 students are halfway through completing their mock exams, the results of which will give a good indication of what will need to be done during the few months before final exams to ensure that they achieve the grades they deserve.

The Academy has an INSET day on 8 December, which we have decided to use to help motivate our Year 11's and hone their revision skills. The school will be closed to all other year groups, but Year 11's will be expected to attend from 08:50 until 12:30. It is our intention to begin and end the morning with exciting and engaging workshops from a national external provider, designed to maximise memory and study skills and motivate students of all levels to achieve.

In the break between these sessions, students will be collecting their mock exam results thereby replicating what will happen in August when the students pick up their actual GCSE results. I then hope they will be eager to share this with you as part of their journey towards effective independent study.

<b>Programme for Year 11 8 December 2017</b>	
08:50	Sign in at Main Reception and make your way to the Theatre
09:00–10:30	Exam Busters workshop by Positively Mad
10:30-11:00	Break (canteen service will not be available) and collection of Mock Exam results in Maths Courtyard
11:00-12:30	Mastering Motivation by Positively Mad
12:30	End of sessions – all students dismissed from the Academy

Please note that attendance for Year 11's on 8 December is compulsory, and I thank you for your support in ensuring that your son/daughter attends. School uniform will not be required – the dress-code is sensible non-uniform. As the canteen will not be open, we recommend that students bring a drink and mid-morning snack with them.

As this is such an important year, we will continue to get in touch at regular intervals, and to remind you of key dates for your diaries. The next critical date to bear in mind will be the Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 11 January, at which you will have a chance to discuss with their subject teachers, your child's progress and most effective ways forward.



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I would like to stress that, although the main mock exams will soon be over, students must continue with their personal revision programme over the coming weeks, including during the Christmas Holidays. There will be further practice exams in different subjects running all the way up to the public exams, which begin in May. We will also continue to offer, and indeed (for some students) request, attendance at intervention sessions over the coming months. I would like to thank you in advance for your support in ensuring that these are well-attended.

It will be of no surprise to any of us to know that hard work pays off and we remain fully committed to ensuring that each of our students has as much support as we can offer, to prove for themselves, that dedication leads to personal success!

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Pike" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Suzanne Pike**  
**Vice Principal**