

GPS/KMC

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share key information as we move closer to Year 11's final exam window.

### **Mock Examinations (w/c 16 March)**

A second, smaller round of mock examinations will take place during the week commencing **Monday 16 March**. Mock exams are vital in preparing students for their final assessments in the summer, providing valuable practice under exam conditions and helping us identify where additional support may be needed. Please find the mock exam timetable attached. We would be grateful for your support in helping your child prepare as thoroughly as possible in the run-up to this week.

### **Attendance Matters**

In these last crucial months, **excellent attendance** remains one of the strongest predictors of positive exam outcomes. Students who attend regularly benefit from uninterrupted teaching, timely feedback, and full access to intervention and revision opportunities. Even small amounts of absence can add up and impact progress at this stage. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child is in school every day and on time.

### **Revision Support**

To further support preparation, staff continue to offer a range of revision sessions after school and at lunchtimes. The timetable for these sessions can be viewed here:

<https://caldew.cumbria.sch.uk/students/ks4-revision/>

We also appreciate the support you provide at home. The following resources may help guide effective study:

**Revision strategies on Firefly:** <https://caldew.fireflycloud.net/year-11-revision>

**Subject checklists (all subjects) to identify gaps and plan revision:**

<https://caldew.fireflycloud.net/year-11-revision/year-11-subject-checklists>

### **Exam Guidance and Requirements**

Please ensure your child is familiar with the exam guidance documents here:

<https://caldew.cumbria.sch.uk/students/exam-notice/>

It is essential that students follow these rules and expectations. Falling foul of them—even unintentionally—can have serious and potentially **disastrous consequences** for exam outcomes.

### **Wellbeing and Support**

We recognise that this stage in a student's journey can be demanding and stressful. **Kooth** has provided guidance to students (attached) with practical tips for looking after their wellbeing. You may wish to discuss these with your child to help them manage pressure, maintain balance, and look after themselves appropriately during this busy period.

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### **Final Exam Timetable & Statements of Entry**

In the coming weeks, your child's individual **exam timetable** along with their **statement of entry** for Summer 2026 will be published. It is vital that students and parents check:

- that **all expected courses** are listed;
- that the **tiers of entry for Maths, Science, and Spanish** match expectations; and
- that the **student's full legal name and date of birth** are correct (these will appear **exactly** as printed on the final certificates).

If anything is missing or incorrect, please contact **Karen Cavanagh** at school **as early as possible** so we can resolve any issues well in advance of the exam season.

### **Parents' Information Session (Teams)**

A reminder that there will be a **Parents' Information Session on Microsoft Teams at 6:00pm on Monday 2 March**. Please refer to the email shared earlier this week for the required link.

Finally, thank you for your ongoing support—it really does make a difference. If there is anything we can do to support your child in the run-up to their exams, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are here to help.

Yours Sincerely,

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