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Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 10 Students

Year 10 Mock Examinations - minor timetable adjustment due to strike action

As you are aware, your child is due to start their Year 10 mock examinations, commencing on Thursday 20th April 2023. It was also confirmed over the Easter holidays that further industrial action is planned by the NEU for Thursday 27th April and this coincides with these mocks.

We believe we can continue the mocks with only a minor adjustment, so that the disruption to Year 10 students is minimal. By moving full year group exams to Thursday 27th April, we can enable the mocks to take place and for all students to be safely supervised.

The revised timetable is attached, and has already been shared with your child on Edulink. You will see that the changes all relate to the second week and have been colour coded.

On the original mock timetable all the mock exams that were scheduled to take place on this day would only include part of the year group. In normal circumstances the students not taking an exam would attend their timetabled lesson. However, as we will also be running face-to-face lessons for Year 11 and 13, we do not have the capacity to cover all the staff who may take industrial action for three year groups. By swapping the mocks around, all the students in Year 10 will either be in form time, in a mock examination or supervised at break/lunch time.

Unfortunately, it is not feasible to extend the Year 10 mocks into the following week as this would impact on Year 13 external examinations.

Additional information regarding arrangements for the strike action day will be emailed to all parents/guardians by early next week at the latest.

Yours sincerely

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