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Dear Parents and Carers

I am sorry that recent poor weather has disrupted arrangements for the start of this term and am writing to advise you of some key events taking place during the next few weeks.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

We have re-scheduled the Year 11 Parents Evening to **Wednesday 20th January 2010** from **Wednesday 14th January**. We are looking forward to discussing with you and your child details of the progress that has been made so far with achieving ambitious targets, coursework completion and preparation for the mock examinations in each of their subjects. I do hope that you will be able to attend.

We are aiming to use the appointment times that we sent you with the Year 11 report on Tuesday and would be grateful if you could let us know if you need to change your appointment times or will not now be able to attend. If you have not already sent in your requested appointment times but are now able to attend then please let us know and we will schedule appointments for you. To advise us of any changes please telephone the school's reception or email us at office@ounsdale.staffs.sch.uk

GCSE Coursework

The majority of your son/daughter's coursework should now be completed and staff are in the process of marking this so that any final changes can be made before coursework is submitted to the examination boards. Staff will contact you if there are any significant issues with coursework, but we would appreciate your support in reminding your son/daughter of the need to take full advantage of opportunities available to improve their coursework grades.

Mock Examinations

On the reverse of this letter we are providing you with a copy of the mock examination timetable that has been given to your child today. Mock examinations begin on **Monday 1st February 2010** and students have been advised that they need to be following a structured revision programme in preparation for this. Subject staff will be giving advice about the format of the mock examination and details of the topics that will be tested. They will also speak to students about revision and examination technique. If your son/daughter requires any additional support, is worried about their exams or has any specific questions, then they should speak to their subject teacher, Form Tutor or Mr Riley, Head of Year 11.

Mock Results Day

On Friday 26th February in the afternoon we will be holding a 'Mock Results Day' to issue students with the results of their examinations and give them the experience of what the Summer results day will be like. This has proved extremely useful to students in the past in helping them to celebrate the progress they are making, identify areas for improvement and indicate the amount of additional revision and exam preparation needed to achieve their target grade.

Yours sincerely

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