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Dear Parents,

Return to school and mock exams

I have been really impressed with the level of engagement from students during the latest period of online learning. It hasn't always been easy, but students have shown real resilience and determination in the way that they have approached this, and I am appreciative of your support with this too.

The last year has been a challenge for all of us in many different ways, with life as we know it being completely turned upside down. We are therefore going to have a focus on wellbeing when we return so that we can ensure we all know how to look after ourselves emotionally, and get help when we need it. Whilst the majority of us are looking forward to a return to school I am aware that for some, it will be harder than others. If things have changed for your family since Christmas and there are things that may have an impact on your child, I'd be really grateful if you could let me know so that we can support you and them in the transition back to school.

Please can you also check that school uniforms still fit and that students have all of the necessary equipment they need to continue their studies in person, as we approach the Year 10 mocks.

The mock exam period is from Monday 19th – Wednesday 28th April. With this in mind, Miss Colebourn and I would like to invite you to view a virtual presentation designed to help you support your child in preparation for these mock exams.

I'm sure you have heard all the excuses such as "I haven't got any revision", "I don't know how to revise" or "I don't know where to start!" The aim of this presentation is to help you combat these, and many more of the excuses that students may have for not revising.

During the week commencing Monday 22nd March students will have a 'How to Revise' week and we will give you more information on this during the presentation. Throughout the rest of their time at The Henry Beaufort School, students will need to undertake revision for their exams as part of the home learning programme. The aim of this week is to equip students with the strategies that they will need to revise effectively.

The virtual presentation will cover the following areas and more:

- How to revise with 'The Learning Scientists'
- How to Revise Week

- Looking after our Wellbeing and Mental Health
- Important Dates
- The Exam Process

The virtual presentation will be available on the school website from 6pm on Thursday 18th March and I will send you a link to this nearer the time.

Best wishes,

Miss Bean
Head of Year 10