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Information for Year 13 parents 2017-2018

Dear Parent/ Guardian

As we approach the end of the first term of Senior School let me draw your attention to some important information.

Key dates

18 December 2017	Senior School Parent Teacher Consultation between 12:45pm – 3:30pm. Tracking report issued prior to this.
8 - 12 January 2018	Mock Examinations
15 - 19 January 2018	Work Experience
wb. 19 February 2018	Report issued
12 March 2018	Senior School Parent Teacher Consultation

Mock examinations

The mock examinations are important. Doing well at this stage gives our pupils confidence and makes it easier to achieve good results in their final AS examinations. Teachers use the mock examination results to help them predict AS grades. If a pupil is unable to sit an exam in June through illness, then these results may be taken into account to award a grade. It is imperative that revision for the mocks is undertaken in good time. In our experience, leaving it until the beginning of the Spring Term does not allow for thorough learning. We are prepared to grant study leave for the mock examinations, but if results give cause for concern and show that this time was not well used, it will be withdrawn for the actual AS examinations.

We want every pupil to achieve their potential and to support this, pupils who underachieve in a number of their target grades and who could have made a greater effort, will attend supervised study in school, in place of study leave. They may also be asked to attend subject specific revision sessions.

June 2018

Parents should be aware that during the week beginning 18 June 2018, pupils will be required to attend and participate in a range of careers activities in preparation for Year 14. These will include a career planning session, a careers interview and registration and preparation for UCAS applications, involving initial work on a personal statement.

In addition, a number of subjects will begin sessions in preparation for A2 courses. Your daughter will be informed by her subject teacher when these sessions will take place.

Some ways you can help your daughter:

- ✓ Provide somewhere quiet and comfortable to study, with easy access to books, files and resources.
- ✓ Recommended hours of study per week is 15 hours, rising to 20 hours before the mock examinations.
- ✓ Provide study aids as appropriate.
- ✓ Encourage healthy eating. Breakfast is most important.
- ✓ Encourage responsible use of mobile phones and social media. A simple 'No phone upstairs' rule has proven particularly beneficial for pupils in the past.
- ✓ Help to get the school work/ social life/ employment balance right.
- ✓ Show an interest in what work is being done. Ask for it to be explained to you, even if you know nothing about the subject.
- ✓ Talk positively about the future and about your daughter's strengths.
- ✓ Contact us if you have any concerns – academic or pastoral.

Special consideration or extra time in the examinations may be available in certain cases. Let us know if you feel that this may apply to your daughter's circumstances.

The School's website contains further useful information. www.glenlola.collegiate.net
CCEA's website is also useful for examination information. www.rewardinglearning.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support and may I wish you a very merry Christmas,

Mr M Harding
Head of Senior School