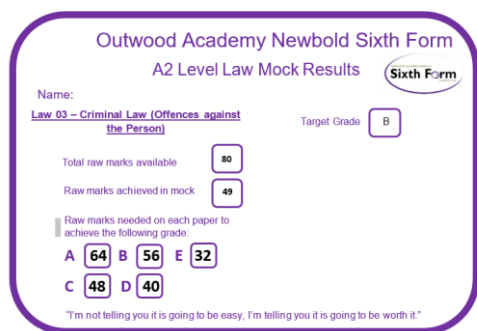


15 March 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Important information about Mock examinations, AS & A-Level summer exams and Easter revision

We are now 7 weeks away from AS Level examinations (Year 12) and 9 weeks away from the commencement of A-level examinations (Year 13). As I hope you are aware, students have just received their mock results. Students were issued with a mock result card for each of their subjects during their guidance lesson on the 14 March (please see below for an example of the template used).



Outwood Academy Newbold Sixth Form
A2 Level Law Mock Results Sixth Form

Name: _____ Target Grade B

Law 03 – Criminal Law (Offences against the Person)

Total raw marks available 80

Raw marks achieved in mock 49

Raw marks needed on each paper to achieve the following grade:

A 64 B 56 E 32

C 48 D 40

"I'm not telling you it is going to be easy, I'm telling you it is going to be worth it."

The mock results are always a mixture of happiness and disappointment, please ensure you ask your son/daughter what they achieved for each subject. We have a record of all results, so should you require a copy of their results, please do not hesitate to email me (c.schulze@newbold.outwood.com). Please note that the grade achieved in their Praising Stars 4 may be different to that achieved in their mock exams, the reason for this is that any Praising Stars cycle takes into account their over progress, attainment, the teachers professional judgment as

well as an assessment (and in the case of Praising Stars 4, it was their mock exams).

One of the key messages I gave before issuing the results was that it is not too late to make a positive difference to the final grades they will achieve in the summer, however I used the following quote (“I’m not telling you it is going to be easy, I’m telling you it is going to be worth it”) to make the point that success will only happen if they commit to their revision program. My reason for sharing this message with you is to ask for your support in ensuring your son/daughter is revising at home during the weekdays and weekends and that they are engaged in a balance between this and any paid work they may also be doing.

On Wednesday I introduced a revision concept to students which I have encouraged them to adopt during the Easter holidays. The Easter holidays present a 16 day opportunity to revise for the summer exams. In my presentation I encouraged students to adopt a “rule of 8”, which basically means that in a full day, 8 hours should be used for sleeping, 8 hours for them to relax and then 8 hours to study and revise. If this is achieved it would equate to the following amount of revision;

16 days x 8 hours a day = **128 hours**

43 hours per subject (3 courses)

32 hours per subject (4 courses)

Even if your son/daughter achieved close to this number of hours it would make a huge difference to their **confidence**, the way they **feel** and their **final grades**.

I have included a copy of our Sixth Form summer exam timetable with this letter, this is also available as an electronic copy on our website. Finally I would like to make you aware that students will be given an Easter revision timetable of subjects who are offering holiday revision and they will also be given a Praising stars 5 assessment booklet issuing the dates of their final assessments before we commence the exam period (both of these documents will also be put on our website).

I appreciate that this is a stressful time for both students and parents/carers; I fully believe that by working together we can help to support your son/daughter in achieving their potential. Therefore, if you have any questions or concerns and would like to discuss things further, please do not hesitate to email me.

Yours faithfully,



Miss C Schulze
Assistant Principal responsible for the Sixth Form