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Dear Parents/Carers,

As the exam week comes to an end, I hope your sons are proud of their efforts and looking forward to a well-earned break this half term. Next term is going to be a busy one for them, so I wanted to write briefly to ensure you are aware of what they have on the horizon.

Firstly, they have their two weeks of Trident work experience from 3rd to 14th June. I am sure this will be a really distinctive experience, allowing them to think with more insight about what they do and do not want to do with their futures and opening their eyes to the real world of work. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact Tim Hutton (t.hutton@vcj.sch.je) or me during this time (o.varney@vcj.sch.je)

In the week following Trident, on Thursday 20th June at 08.30, they will be in the Great Hall to do a mock exam for their iGCSE Cambridge in English Language Paper 1 Reading (0990) and shortly after that they will also do a mock exam in English Writing, but this will be arranged within English lessons. In both cases, students will have their full access arrangements as they would for the real examinations. The English Language exam will be taking on 7th and 10th October next academic year. Any queries about this, please contact the Head of English, Maggie Quinn, on (m.quinn@vcj.sch.je). Of course, students have been preparing in class, but further resources are also available to them on SharePoint.

There are also a number of NEA (Non-Examined Assessment, commonly known as coursework) days taking place: Geography fieldwork on 25/26th June, Drama on 1st/2nd July and Art on 4th July.

As always, we will finish the year with a last week of Activities between 15th to 19th July. Any questions about this should be directed to Kieran Akers (k.akers@vcj.sch.je).

Now they have undertaken their Year 10 exams, when they return to school, it will be an effective start of their final GCSE year and a real opportunity to target areas of weakness identified in those exams and the earlier school reports.

As ever, if there are questions you have, please do get in touch, and we can either discuss over the phone or arrange a meeting. I hope the boys have a good break, so they are ready to tackle this exciting next half term with their usual energy and enthusiasm.

Best wishes,

Olivia Varney
Head of Year 10

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