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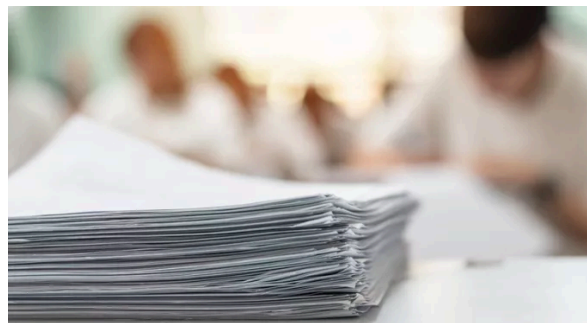
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Dear parent/carer,

**SUBJECT: Year 11 'Walking, Talking' Mocks (8th-12th December 2025)**

At Risedale, we are continually looking for ways to boost pupil confidence regarding examinations. As such, we will be conducting 'Walking, Talking' Mock Exams with all Year 11 pupils next week in English, Maths, and Science.

**They are a rehearsal for the actual exams and are designed to help build confidence, preparing pupils for both the PPEs in January and the final exams in the summer.**



'Walking, Talking' Mocks are guided exam sessions where a teacher models how to approach a paper in real-time. Teachers "walk and talk" through the process, providing live commentary, discussing strategies for different question types, offering advice on time management and tips on how to construct strong answers.

The entire Year 11 cohort will take part. They will be seated in the Hall at exam desks under exam conditions, but will be carefully guided through the process. **The teacher will be seated at the front of the room using a visualiser (also known as a document camera). This connects to the computer and allows us to display a real-time video on the main screen of exactly what is underneath the camera—specifically, the teacher writing on the exam paper.** This ensures every pupil can see exactly how to structure and write their answers.

Each question will be meticulously broken down into achievable steps with clear examples and set timings. All pupils will be expected to complete every question, but they will be 'walked and talked' through the steps to achieve this.

**Please Note Regarding Access Arrangements:** As the 'Walking, Talking' Mock is an interactive teaching and revision strategy rather than a formal, timed assessment, standard access arrangements (such as extra time, readers, or scribes) will not be utilised during these specific sessions. The focus is on teacher-led instruction and collaborative scaffolding. Please rest assured that full access arrangements will be in place for all formal internal and external examinations. Miss Burke (SENCo) will be in touch separately regarding those pupils who require arrangements before the upcoming PPEs.

If you have any questions regarding this proven approach, please do not hesitate to contact me at [kirkbride.m@risedale.org.uk](mailto:kirkbride.m@risedale.org.uk).

Kind regards,

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