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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations (PPE) 2020

The Year 11 PPE's are fast approaching. These will start on Wednesday 21 October and will finish on Thursday 5 November. All students have been given a copy of their PPE timetable with a seating plan. It is important that they look after this document and it is advisable for them to make a copy of it, as this will give their seat number and venue that they need to be sat in for each of their examinations.

Some afternoon examinations finish very close to the end of the school day. If an examination ends within 10 minutes of the end of the school day we will dismiss students straight from the examination venue at this slightly earlier time.

The PPE results will be published to students on Tuesday 24 November and will be available to parents through the SIMs Parent App later on the same day.

Our experience over the last few years has shown that students benefit greatly from taking examination papers in examination conditions. If this experience is followed up by structured feedback on their performance, guidance on revision work and the chance to retake any papers where they have not done as well as expected, then the impact on their grade is significant.

For the purposes of PPE's, we compare results with benchmarks. This is because the benchmarks are the outcome suggested by a student's starting point. Where a student has a higher target, they should aim for that, as this will ensure they perform significantly better than expected. If their target is lower than their benchmark, and they achieve the target but not the benchmark, we will review the target with them to ensure that it is sufficiently challenging.

If a Year 11 student achieves their benchmarks in their PPE's, they will receive feedback and opportunities to practise past papers at home, having demonstrated a maturity in their approach to examinations and the ability to take responsibility for their own learning.

If a student is more than one grade adrift of their benchmark grade in any subject, they will be required to undertake the revision work required of them and then to retake the relevant papers in the PPE1B examinations which commence on Tuesday 1 December. In some cases, students will re-sit only the part of the original paper in which they have fallen short.

As you are already aware, the revision corridor has already started and students should have signed up for their subjects in advance.

Yours sincerely

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