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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11 PPE Mathematics resit

It has become apparent that before the PPE examinations, a number of students came across the questions that appeared in the Mathematics non-calculator PPE paper. This could be just a consequence of them preparing thoroughly for the PPE papers, and it shows endeavour and a desire to achieve the best grade possible at a time when these PPE results could be very significant and may have had an unfair advantage.

However, once the non-calculator PPE paper questions were known, even more students then actively researched the questions that were likely to come up in the calculator PPE paper sat after the half-term break. This was an obvious attempt to gain an advantage by preparing for the actual questions they would see when taking the second paper.

In order for us to accurately assess our students, it is important that the PPE process is as free from bias as possible. If the government decides that summer examinations can't take place, the PPE results could be an important part of determining a final GCSE grade for our students.

Therefore, we have decided that all Year 11 students will sit a new calculator PPE paper during the rearranged PPE resit window. This will allow them to perform at a level that truly represents their current ability. New grades will be calculated using the original non-calculator PPE paper and new calculator PPE paper. These grades will be shared with the students when they return after the Christmas break.

I hope this provides the background to your child's Mathematics performance that they received recently. I would appreciate it if you could talk with them about whether they spent time looking for questions and answers online. If so, it would be very helpful if you could explain to them that this is not an effective way to revise as, it deprives them of a genuine examination experience and their preparation for this summer's examinations could suffer as a result.

Kind regards

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