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Dear Parent and Carers

Re: Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs)

As you are aware the PPEs will start for Year 11 students on Monday 6 December and run through until Thursday 16 December. Within the last week, Ofqual and the Department for Education have published the contingency measures should GCSEs in 2022 not be able to take place. These PPEs will form a key measure by which teachers will award grades should we be required to do so again. I cannot stress the importance of students treating these exams seriously. Even if contingency measures are not required, these PPEs still form an essential indicator of a student's progress, strengths and weaknesses in order for them to prepare as best they can for the final exams in the summer of 2022.

Students are only required to attend school for their exams during this period; should they wish to remain in school there will be rooms available. The school gates will be opened 15 minutes before the start of each exam to allow students to enter site and will open briefly once the exams are finished, as well as at the start of break and lunch alongside sixth form opening times. Students should use the north gate only during the school day.

I have included some information you may find useful in supporting your child with their revision, highlighting effective revision techniques and good habits in preparation for the exams.

Can I also add a reminder that students should follow JCQ rules during all exams and their timetables can be viewed on Insight. Further information can be found in the Senior Exam Officers correspondence dated 6 October. In addition to this we ask that students double check their tiers of entry, where applicable, for the upcoming exams sooner rather than later and inform the exam office of any mistakes.

Finally, I wish all the students the best of luck in their upcoming exams.

Yours sincerely

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