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Dear Parent/Guardian

Pre-Public Examinations (PPE) 2021

The Year 11 PPEs are fast approaching. They are due to begin the first week back after half term and will finish on Friday 5 November. All students will be given a copy of their PPE timetable, with a seating plan. It is very important that they look after this document and it is advisable for them to make a copy of it in their diaries, as this will give them their seat number and the venue that they need to be sat in for each of their examinations.

For the duration of the week 1 November to 5 November, there will be an AM and PM exam on each day. Students will be expected to arrive in school by 8:40am, and will be asked to return home at the end of their PM examination.

For example:

If their PM examination starts at 1:00pm and finishes at 2:30pm, students will then return home to study for the following day.

If you feel that your son/daughter is not ready for home study at the end of the school day, please contact Mr Bryant (Head of Year 11) who will be happy to make alternative arrangements with you.

The PPE results will be published to students on Tuesday 30 November and will be available to parents through the **new Sims Parent App/Website** 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 PPEs, 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 PPEs 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 Monday 4 January. In some cases, students will re-sit only the part of the original paper in which they have fallen short.

Revision

During October students will be expected to revise for their homework. Teachers will provide areas for students to focus on, but they should also take the time to focus on their own areas of develop in the subject. Students have been provided the opportunity during their PSMSC lessons to create a bespoke revision timetable for themselves, please speak to your child about this so that they develop a routine for their revision.

Some departments will be offering additional support to students through 45 minute sessions, as well as drop-in classes after school. These will be communicated to students via google classroom in due course

GCSEPod is a great tool that we subscribe to, that your child can use to support with their revision. Students have access to over 6000 3-5 minutes pods (videos) which are designed to recap knowledge in short bursts. GCSEPod makes learning and revision much more manageable as content is broken down into small chunks. Every Pod is mapped to an exam board, and contains all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates and annotated diagrams that your child needs for success. After watching the Pods students can use the check and challenge tool to assess their recall and knowledge.

This video link is useful to understand how GCSEPod works and how you can use this to support your child with their revision at home.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKXN_FGBxFg.

Finally, as you will be aware we have set up a google classroom for Year 11, please encourage your son/daughter to join this. In here I will be placing any generic and bespoke revision techniques as well as information relating to examinations, throughout the remainder of Year 11. The code for this is: **44pj766**. Some other subjects also have a google classroom code which will have been shared with your son/daughter.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Bryant
Head of Year 11