



# HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

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20<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 12 Pre-Public Examinations: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

I acknowledge that this letter contains a wide and varied amount of information, but I feel that it is important to communicate with you about some events and changes in the weeks after half term.

### Introduction:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Miss Rothwell and I joined Hampstead School on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May as Assistant Head and Director of 6<sup>th</sup> Form. I am very much looking forward to getting to know the students in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form over the next few weeks. I am committed to ensuring that all students at Hampstead School achieve their potential and proceed to the next stage of education with all the tools they need to be successful. I hope that I will be able to meet with some of you in the coming weeks and months so that we can work together to support your child to reach their full potential.

### Y12 Pre-Public Examinations:

The last year has been a very challenging one for education. We have been very proud of how our students have navigated school closure and national lockdowns. This summer, in order for Year 12 students to progress to Year 13, they will have week of Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs). Students will be assessed on what they have covered in their subjects this year. We will assess their overall performance through a combination of their PPE results and the results of assessments and classwork that they have completed. Our decision as to whether they can transition into Y13 will be made in the very best interests of the students.

Year 12 PPEs will take place between **21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June 2021**. This is an important opportunity for students to practise examination techniques in examination conditions. A timetable will be published in due course. During this week, students will only be expected to come to school to sit their examinations. They are, of course, encouraged to come into school to study in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Common Room or in the Library and Independent Learning Centre.

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A student who achieves an E or less in the Y12 PPEs will be at risk of not progressing to Y13 with their current combination of courses. The reason is that a student who cannot achieve a stronger grade at this stage is at serious risk of failing the overall A Level. It is therefore in their best interests to reconsider the courses that they are taking.

A student studying A Levels, therefore, will need a minimum of three D grades overall to progress to Y13 with their current combination of courses. A student studying a BTEC Course will need to be on track to at least pass their course to progress to Y13 with their current combination of courses. In the event that a student is required to reconsider their courses, we will arrange meetings with parents and carers to decide the best next steps for individuals.

It is imperative that students attend their PPE examinations on time with the correct equipment. All examinations will have only one sitting. If a student does not attend they may not receive a grade for that given subject. If a student is unable to attend, a medical note will be required as is usual with all public examinations.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Form Expectations after Half Term:**

- **6<sup>th</sup> Form Common Room**

After May Half Term, the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Common Room will be used as a silent independent study space during students' study periods. The area will be supervised by members of staff and students will be expected to organise their own revision during this time. The Common Room will continue to be used a social space during break and lunch times. We are insisting on this change in order to support students to have a quiet space to revise and study ahead of their PPEs and beyond through their transition to Y13.

- **Punctuality**

A reminder that students are required to be in school at least 10 minutes before the start of their first lesson. Period 1 starts at 9am and all 6<sup>th</sup> Form students are expected to attend registration with their tutor at 11am, unless they do not have any lessons on a given day. The lesson times can be found on the school website.

- **6<sup>th</sup> Form Dress Code**

After May Half Term, we will be reverting back to the 6<sup>th</sup> Form dress code, which can be found on the school website. Students will be expected to wear smart casual clothing, appropriate for a place of work.

If you have any queries, please contact your son or daughter's tutor in the first instance.

Yours faithfully,



Rebecca Rothwell  
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