

December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations: Wednesday 5 January – Tuesday 11 January 2022

As students will know, we will be examining all of Year 11 in their subjects when we return in January. This will provide students with a critical opportunity to practice examination conditions as well as assess their progress.

The schedule is on the reverse of this letter. All written examinations will be held in the Sports Hall. There are a few exceptions, for example, Art and Photography. Here a formal examination at this time, given the assessment process this year, is not appropriate.

Please note the standard examination conditions will be adhered to and all students are expected to follow these regulations, as we did in the September examinations. Mobile phones and smart watches must not be brought into the examinations hall, pencil cases should be transparent and water bottles are only permitted with the labels removed. All students will need pens, pencils, rulers and a scientific calculator - please ensure they have all necessary equipment.

Subject teachers have been preparing students in Year 11 with revision, practice questions and examination technique during lessons leading up to examination week. Please can you support your child by ensuring that they are punctual to school for each day during the examination week, so they do not miss the start of their examination.

Students should spend additional time at home revising and preparing for these examinations, especially over the end of term break. Please can you check that they manage their independent study and revision time effectively, to maximise learning and the outcomes from these examinations. The grades achieved in these examinations will be the best indicator for tier entry in the summer examinations as well as excellent preparation for those examinations.

In order to facilitate a smooth running of examination week, when not in an examination, students will have their normal lesson. During this time they may do work towards the next examination in that subject or be allowed to revise for further examinations that day or following days. Some examinations may overrun the usual 1500 school finish time. In this sense, these arrangements mirror the formal summer examinations.

Yours faithfully









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