



October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 Pre-Public Examination Week: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November 2019

As previously mentioned, we will be examining all students in Year 11 in **nearly all** (see below) of their subjects during the above dates when we return after half-term. This will provide students with a critical opportunity to practice examination conditions as well as assess their progress during their fourth term of Key Stage 4 courses.

The schedule is on the reverse of this letter. All written examinations will be held in the Sports Hall. There will be exceptions in Performing Arts but will still be run as formal examinations. If your child studies **Art, Photography or 3D Design** they will not be formally examined in these subjects at this time but will be later in this term.

Please note that strict examination conditions will be adhered to and all students are expected to follow these regulations. 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. In addition, further details about the examinations may be uploaded to Show My Homework. 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 half-term break, as they will be an excellent indicator of the progress that they have made so far in their courses. Please can you check that they manage their independent study and revision time effectively, limiting the use of computer games and television, for example, 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 and 6th Form applications made in the coming months.

In order to facilitate a smooth running of examination week, when not in an examination, students will have their normal lesson as detailed on the schedule. Some examinations may overrun the usual 1500 school finish time. In this sense, these arrangements closely mirror the Summer term's formal examinations. Lunch will be available for those students who wish to eat it each day.

Yours faithfully

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