



HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12 Pre-Public Examinations 8th – 16th January 2019

We live in complex times from an educational point of view. Over the last few years we have seen a gradual change to Post-16 qualifications. One of the key changes is that AS examinations no longer count toward the full A Level qualification. For this reason, students at Hampstead School will no longer routinely sit AS Level examinations.

Year 12 Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) will take place between the 8th – 16th January 2019. This is an important opportunity for students to practise examination technique in examination conditions. A timetable will be published in due course.

We have decided that a student who achieves an E or less in the Year 12 PPEs will be entered into the AS examination for that subject in summer 2019. 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 check their progress against the external AS examination.

A student studying A Levels, therefore, will need a minimum of three D grades overall to progress to Year 13 with their current combination of courses. This may come from PPEs or public examinations. A student studying a BTEC Course will need to be on track to at least pass that course and be achieving at least a D grade in their A Level subject (either from the PPE or public examination) to progress to Year 13 with their current combination of courses.

If the school decides not to enter a student into an AS examination, the student can always choose to be entered. The school will pay for this. A good example of this may be where a student studies four A Levels and wishes to drop one at the end of Year 12. Students must make their subject teacher aware that they wish to be entered for an AS examination immediately following the PPE results being released in January 2019. They should check the Examinations Officer is also aware of their entry.

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

Yours faithfully

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