

13th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the GCSE Summer Exam Series draw closer I wanted to ensure you were aware of the final mock exams (PPE2) and other ways in which you can support your child.

PPE 2 (Mock Exams)

There will be a second set of pre-public exams in the week beginning **23rd March**.

It is key to note that students will only sit exams they have not yet experienced (e.g. Paper 2 exams in Science) or if they have had a tier change (e.g. Maths students moving to Foundation). This will be the last opportunity to practice exams and should demonstrate the progress students have made since December.

For the duration of these exams we will be holding an exam briefing each morning which will be led by the Head of Department and which will start at 8.45am. The exams will follow these sessions and will start at 9.15am. This mirrors the summer examination period and all students are expected to **arrive before 8.45am** for a prompt start to briefing. We appreciate that this start time is slightly earlier than the normal school day but your support is invaluable to ensure the briefing and exams begin on time. On occasions, some exams may finish later than 3.10pm.

Secondly, many thanks to those who attended the Year 11 Information Evening. For those unable to attend, we have taken the liberty of resending the information pack to all parents/carers. The pack contains an English booklet, study skills and science information. Please take time to familiarise yourself with these important resources.

Revision

Students are expected to revise in their own time as well as in lessons which will continue as normal over the exam period. As a guide students should be completing 5 – 7 hours of **homework and revision combined** per week. Students have been issued with revision guides in some subjects so please discuss with your child whether they will need to be purchased for any other subjects.

By now your child should have signed up to SAM Learning and SENECA Learning. Both are useful online tools which provide exam board specific revision notes and activities to support learning. The websites are free to use and available to access across a range of devices.

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Easter Academy 6th – 9th April 2020

The Academy will be open during the Easter holidays and students can sign up for a series of workshops led by teachers. These sessions will act as supportive revision mechanisms and exam preparation. Students are strongly recommended to attend and feedback is positive year on year. More information will follow but please be mindful when planning trips over this period.

Thank you for your continued support of the Academy. Parental engagement is crucial and the relationship between home, school and student is strengthened when we work as a team to ensure every student achieves their potential.

Yours faithfully



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