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Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: Pre-Public Examinations (Mocks) – 31<sup>st</sup> October - 18th November 2022**

**I hope this letter finds you well. Please read below for the key events that are coming up in the next few months.**

### **1. Pre-Public Examinations (mocks) for years 11, 12 and 13**

**Attendance:** At the moment, the attendance rate for year 11 and 13 is below 90% overall. A number of students are taking random days off for minor ailments. Consequently, for this round of PPE exams **there will be NO RESIT or CATCH-UP exams**. If your child misses an exam, they will be given '0' marks and a grade U. This is the policy for real exams, and we feel that students need to learn this lesson sooner rather than later. Tummy aches, headaches, not sleeping well and so forth, are not good enough reasons to miss school or exams. Please avoid scheduling GP appointments or Open days/mornings during this time. If you feel your child has an exceptional reason for missing an exam, please email me.

#### **Punctuality**

Students must attend all examinations on the dates and times set. We start promptly at 8.25am every day.

Please see attached the exam timetable which is also on the school website and on SMHW. We want these to replicate the real exams as much as possible so there are certain rules that students **MUST** adhere to:

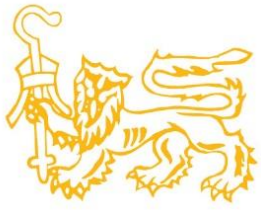
- **No mobile phones** – these are officially not allowed in the exam hall. Students will be checked beforehand. On their exam days, they should leave their phones at home.
- **Clear plastic pencil case/document wallet**
- **Students MUST bring their own water in clear plastic bottles**
- **Equipment** – Black pens, pack of 4 highlighters, pencil, ruler, rubber, maths set including a compass and protractor, scientific calculator. \* **Your child must come equipped. We will not be providing them with any equipment.**
- **Be on time** – exams will start promptly at **8.25am, 11.45am and 12.50/2.00pm.**
- **Late finishing exams** – due to their length, **some afternoon exams may finish after 3.30pm.** Please check the timetable attached for the timings. The latest time we should be finishing is approximately 4.15pm.
- **Bring revision materials** – Students should bring revision materials throughout the exam season – guides/books/notes can be used when they are not writing an exam.



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\*Please ensure your child is revising at home and keeping up with their online homework.

## **Medication**

If students are required to take medication for: headaches, migraines, tummy aches and so on, can you please ensure they bring these to school with them. These can be kept in the school office.

### **2. Year 11 Subject Consultation evening – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 3.50pm-6.15pm**

You will receive your child's PPE results and be able to speak to subject teachers about their grades and progress. This will be held at school. More details will be sent out nearer to time.

### **3. Predicted Grades – year 11 and 13 only**

Students will receive early predictions after October half-term to help with post-16/University applications.

### **4. Saturday School and After school tutoring**

Saturday school will be starting soon. There will be a link to the list on the website and you will receive a text message reminder on Wednesdays if your child has been selected. We expect 100% attendance to all sessions they are put down for. In addition, several students have been selected for After School tutoring between 3.00pm-3.50pm Monday-Thursday (not every day). The government has given us extra funding to help ensure students are not disadvantaged due to the lockdown. Please support us in ensuring your child attends if they are on the list.

### **5. Sixth Form Study Leave – 1<sup>st</sup> November -8<sup>th</sup> November**

Years 12 and 13 will be permitted to go on study leave for 6 days. On those days they will only be expected to come in when they have an exam. After each exam they should go home to revise before returning in the afternoon if need be. If students live far away, they can stay and study in the common room. No formal sixth form lessons will take place during this time. Students are expected to return to normal lessons on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Kind regards

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