

14 November 2016

Dear Parent

Year 13 Pre-Public Exam Period

We are writing to inform you that the Year 13 Pre-Public Examination (PPE) week will take place for the duration of the **week commencing Monday 5th December 2016**. Students will be off timetable for this week **only** and should only come into school to sit their examinations, for which the schedule will be made available to them shortly. There will be no separate study leave period prior to this week. All Year 13 students should then return to school to resume lessons on Monday 12th December 2016.

PPE week is a very significant one in the Year 13 calendar. It represents the only opportunity the students will have to sit a full programme of trial examinations before the final A Level examinations in summer 2017. The school takes the results very seriously and students must do likewise. It is essential that students are fully prepared, using their study and free periods as well as evenings and weekends at home to review their understanding of all aspects of the course specifications studied to date. The results of the PPEs will be sent to you and form the basis for on-going intervention and support from both the Sixth Form team and departments.

Students of 'reformed' subjects should expect to be tested on material studied in both Year 12 and Year 13, as will be the case in the final examinations. By way of a reminder, 'reformed' subjects are English Literature, English Language, History, Business, Economics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology, Art and Photography. All other subjects are 'unreformed' and examinations in these will test only material studied since the start of Year 13 in September 2016. Students are strongly advised to make use of a dedicated revision timetable to ensure they devote sufficient time to all their subjects.

In terms of the Christmas holidays, the last day of school before Year 13 students break up is Tuesday 20th December 2016. This will be a full day of lessons. They will return to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact us in the Sixth Form team on 0208 575 8222 x428.

Thank you for your continued support in preparing the students for these important examinations.

Yours sincerely

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