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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Pre Public Examinations

Pre-public Examination Results for Year 11

Pupils in Year 11 have been working hard to prepare for their final examinations this summer. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the results that pupils have attained in the recent Pre-Public Examinations. These results indicate how well pupils are progressing. All papers completed by pupils are past examination papers and have been marked according to examination board mark schemes and grade boundaries. The first column on the results slip contains the aspirational target grade that pupils are working towards. The second column contains the overall grade that pupils have achieved in their mock examinations and the remaining columns contain the grades achieved on each paper. Vocational qualifications are not reported because pupils have already completed the examined components for these qualifications and they did not form part of the Pre-Public Mock Examinations.

Question Level Analysis

Accompanying the Pre-Public examination results is a Question Level Analysis document for each examination paper. These documents show how well pupils performed on each examination question. Colour coding of red, amber or green is used to help pupils prioritise which topics require further revision and consolidation. Understanding which topic areas require further revision is the most important information from these examinations. Teachers will be working through the papers in class with pupils to support them with this and pupils must ensure that they take the time at home to use their revision materials to review and practice these topics.

GCSE Examination Timetables

In addition to the other documents enclosed with this letter is your child's individual GCSE examination timetable. The examination timetable is very important and shows all the examinations that you are entered for. Please keep the timetable safe and carefully check that all subjects are on the timetable and that the tiers of entry are correct. If you have any questions please contact the examinations officer.

Preparation for Summer Examinations

Pupils are now on the final push towards the summer examinations and need to be working hard both in school and at home. Through form time and assemblies, pupils have been given advice and guidance on how to prepare for examinations. Pupils have been provided with study timetables to plan out their revision each week and over the longer term in the weeks leading up to the examinations this summer. Please support your child by helping them to use and stick to their study timetables. Pupils will be receiving holiday homework packs in the final week of this half term to support their revision over the Easter holidays. To



further support pupils with their preparations for GCSE examinations there is a selection of revision sessions that will be taking place within the school over the Easter Holidays. A timetable of Easter revision sessions is enclosed with this letter. Spaces for some sessions are limited and pupils wishing to attend Easter revision sessions should book in with the member of staff running the session. Pupils are not required to wear school uniform to Easter revision sessions though where pupils are staying over lunchtime they will need to bring a packed lunch.

Advanced Information and Contingency Arrangements for summer Examinations

The government has been clear that GCSE examinations will take place this summer and that non-examined assessments formally known as coursework will be completed in the usual way. In recognition of the disruption caused to pupils preparing for examinations by the pandemic, pupils have been given extra help to prepare for their examinations. For English Literature, History and Geography, pupils do not need to cover the usual range of content. For all other examinations, the examination boards have provided advanced information on the content and focus of the examinations. In Mathematics and Physics, pupils will be provided with formulae sheets for equations that they would usually have to learn. Links to the advanced information from examination boards can be found on the curriculum page of our school website. In the unlikely event that examinations are cancelled pupil's grades will be determined as in previous years using Teacher Assessed Grades. In this event, teachers will use a range of evidence collected throughout the Spring and Summer term including assessments based on examination materials and the Pre-Public Examinations. Pupils are told in advance when an assessment they complete may be used to calculate a Teacher Assessed Grade and Teacher Assessed Grades will not be calculated unless the examinations are cancelled or experience significant disruption due to Covid. I am confident that there will be a minimal chance of disruptions to examinations this summer and that all examinations will go ahead as planned. I know this will give our pupils the fairest chance of demonstrating what they know and can do in each subject and will reward the hard work that pupils put in. We look forward to another successful examination series this summer and wish all our pupils in year 11 the best of luck as they complete their final preparations.

Yours sincerely,



Matthew Mc Auley
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