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Dear Student and Parent,

### Year 11 Practice Examinations

As we approach the week before the Practice Examinations for Year 11, we would like to give everyone some information about the coming weeks.

#### Class of 2025

This cohort have had an exceptional educational journey. Year 6 and 7 were both impacted by the pandemic and interrupted some of their formative years. They did not complete their full SATS preparation nor the papers – it was teacher assessed.

Their examination experience is fragmented therefore (and you could argue that this is a positive thing!). They did some earlier in the year as part of the Year 10 course. In assembly we have reiterated:

- You will experience success – enjoy the wins, no matter how small or large.
- You will make mistakes and expect to – this is normal.
- Perfection is the enemy of progress.
- We practise in December (and Year 10) so that you know your strengths and areas for development.
- December is five or six months before your final examination – time to practise.
- Be kind to yourself and each other, do some nice things and rest.
- Respect the differences in each other and how the exams will impact people differently.
- Be ambitious for yourself. Does your ambition and work ethic match? Will your current work ethic get you to your intended Post 16 destination?
- Reflect. How hard have you worked and prepared – sometimes these exams give students a big push.
- Keep perspective - it is two weeks out of a lifetime.
- Eat and drink – fuel your brain.
- We are here, with your parents to support you. We are with you to celebrate and learn together.
- Be you and be brilliant!



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## Expectations

As ever, we expect nothing less than first class in everything from our students. On the days of the exams, our expectations are that students will:

- Attend everyday as is expected.
- Be in **full school uniform** and **meet the guidelines for appearance** – expectations related to shoes, hair and jewellery remain unchanged.
- Have an exemplary attitude, behaviour and conduct.
- Be fully equipped in line with the guidance from JCQ – transparent pencil case, watch free, note free, free of writing on hands, label free clear water bottles.
- Be prepared for subject specific exams – calculator.
- Rest and relax at break or lunch in the way that suits you.

## What will happen in school?

1. Exams start at 9.00am or 11.45am.
2. Students, if timetabled, must attend their examination.
3. Or they attend a lesson on their timetable and prepare for the exam in the subject. History lesson = history preparation, unless the examination is complete.
4. Attend a specific subject preparation session as scheduled, for example in English.

## Brown Envelope Day & Parents' Evening

Finally, a date for your diary, the Practice Examination GCSE results (Brown Envelope Day) is **on Wednesday 22 January**. In the meantime, if we can help you in any way or you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will have a second Parents' Evening on **Thursday 27 February** and you will be invited to school.

From all of the staff at BPA, we would like to wish our students all of the very best for the coming weeks. Work hard, believe in yourself, take care and have no regrets. Before you know it, we will be enjoying Christmas in school.

E Pluribus Unum.

Yours faithfully,

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