



28 April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

The Pre Public Exams (formally known as mock exams) for your child will be taking place during week commencing 17 May 2021. This is one week later than was originally calendared. Your child was informed of this change last week.

During the PPE week your child will be taking one exam in each subject that they study. Each exam will be approximately two hours in length. Students are only expected to be in school for their exams. The rest of the week is a period of stand down. Students should use this time to prepare for their next exam. If they wish to study at school then they will be able to access the workroom, common room or dedicated quiet classrooms.

As you may be aware Year 11 and Year 13 are currently undergoing a number of Common Assessment Tasks which staff have to assess and we will be moving to the new building at the end of this half term. For these reasons in order to ensure that staff workload is manageable, we will be sending home the results of the PPEs along with a predicted grade on Thursday the 17 June 2021.

The Parents evening will place on Wednesday 23 June 2021. We will be writing to you nearer the time to explain how we holding this event.

If your child is currently undertaking an OCR Cambridge Technical course in Business, Sport and Physical Activity or IT then the PPE week will be different for these subjects. Students are able to claim completed unit(s) in their courses in the same way as our current Year 11 and Year 13 students. This means teachers will be using common assessment tasks (CATs) to provide evidence of their final unit grade for those units that are effected.

Sport and Physical Activity students will sit their unit 1 task in the form of an exam paper during the PPE week. Please be advised that this will inform the final grading for that unit along with other evidence from the year.

IT students have already sat an external exam earlier this year for one of their units. During the PPE week students will be continuing with their NEA work. They will then be completing common assessment tasks later in the summer, to provide evidence of their final unit grade for those units that are effected.

Business students can claim for the 2 exam units they would have sat this year and have been entered for. The unit 1 CAT will take place during the PPE week and the unit 2 CAT will be taken after the PPE week during lesson time.

A timetable giving details of the date and location of each exam will be issued to students shortly. If you have any questions about the PPE period then please contact me or if you have any specific questions regarding the OCR courses then please contact the relevant curriculum leader.

Yours sincerely

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