



14 December 2021

Dear parent/guardian/carer

Year 11 Diagnostic Assessment & GCSE Examinations

Congratulations to Year 11 who undertook their core diagnostic assessments at the end of November with excellent levels of conduct and preparation. Our subject teams are eager to unpick the key learning themes and the 'next steps' for our Year 11s on their journey toward the rapidly approaching final GCSE examinations. Year 11 students are invited and encouraged to engage with our dedicated Year 11 revision website, which is located at <https://revision.poolehigh.co.uk/>

We look forward to reporting a progress update to you during the forthcoming Year 11 parent evening on **Thursday 13 January 2022**, where we will also be sharing a 'refresher' on our preferred retrospective revision strategies. A report will also be available to you on our SIMS parent app in early January before this date.

The next period of diagnostic examination for Year 11 takes place between **28 February 2022 – 11 March 2022**. This will be our final period of internal preparatory assessment ahead of the terminal GCSE Examination period which commences on **Monday 16 May 2022** and ends **Wednesday 29 June 2022**. Holidays or any avoidable absence (such as opticians, or orthodontics) should not be arranged until after **Thursday 30 June 2022**.

We also encourage you to review with your child our **PHS Examination Handbook** which covers a number of important 'what if' scenarios. This booklet is available on our examination information page, please use the following link: <https://poolehigh.co.uk/school-information/information/examination-information>

Yours sincerely

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