



8 November 2022

Dear parent/guardian/carer

Year 11 Diagnostic Assessment & GCSE Examinations

Year 11 students are currently undertaking preparations for the first diagnostic assessment week which is scheduled to take place throughout the week commencing **Monday 21 November 2022** in our examination venues. Our P6 revision programme does not run during the diagnostic examination week. Subject teams are eager to unpick the key learning themes and the 'next steps' for our Year 11s on their journey toward rapidly approaching terminal GCSE examinations.

We look forward to reporting a progress update to you during the forthcoming Year 11 parent evening on **Thursday 12 January 2023**, 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 final period of diagnostic examination for Year 11 takes place between **Monday 20 February 2023 and Friday 3 March 2023** which is the fortnight following the spring half term. This will be our final period of internal preparatory assessment ahead of the terminal GCSE examination period which commences **Monday 15 May 2023** and ends **Wednesday 28 June 2023**. Holidays or any avoidable absence (e.g., orthodontics) should not be arranged until after **Thursday 29 June 2023**.

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 located at <https://poolehigh.co.uk/school-information/information/examination-information>

Yours sincerely

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