



14 November 2022

Dear parent/guardian/carer

## Year 12 Assessment

Year 12 students will undertake their first A Level diagnostic assessment period during the week commencing **Monday 16 January 2023**. This assessment week will provide students with their first real paper sitting experience of A Level assessment, and will be invigilated internally by our experienced examinations team. Assessments will be sat by subject 'block' and will not quite follow the JCO assessment rules in this regard, but it will allow us the flexibility to ensure the least amount of lesson time as possible is disrupted.

Students undertaking BTEC qualifications will be sitting diagnostic assessments in specific components during the window of **Monday 23 January 2023 – 27 January 2023**. Students sitting **AS Core Mathematics** will have their diagnostic assessment **after the spring half term**. Subject teachers will advise on the exact timings of these particular assessments.

We look forward to updating you with a progress report during our next Sixth Form Parents Evening, which is taking place on **Thursday 23 February 2023**. Report information will also be available to you prior to this event through our SIMS Parent App.

Year 12 will sit their end of year 'Progression Examinations' throughout the week commencing **Monday 2 May 2023**. Any avoidable absence (e.g., orthodontics) should not be arranged during this week. Underperformance in our progression exams will lead to a discussion between parents, students and the Sixth Form Leadership Team regarding readiness to progress into Year 13.

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

Yours sincerely

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