



14 December 2021

Dear parent/guardian/carer

## Year 13 Assessment

Year 13 students will undertake their first A-Level diagnostic assessment period during the week commencing **24 January 2022**. 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 won't quite follow the JCQ 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 component assessments (real examinations) during the window of **10 January 2022 – 21 January 2022**. Subject teachers will advise on the exact timings of these particular assessments.

We look forward to updating you with a progress report during our second Sixth Form Parents Evening, which is taking place on **Thursday 3 March 2022**. This information will also be available to you prior to this event through our SIMS Parent App.

This will be our final period of internal preparatory assessment ahead of the terminal A-Level 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 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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