



14 November 2022

Dear parent/guardian/carer

## Year 13 Assessment

Year 13 students will undertake their next 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 component assessments (real examinations) during the window of **3 January 2023 – 13 January 2023**. 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.

This will be our final period of internal preparatory assessment ahead of the terminal GCSE examination period which commences upon **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 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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