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Dear Parent/Carer

In order to fully prepare our Year 11 students for the challenges of the summer examination period we have planned a Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) fortnight beginning on Monday 6th until Friday 17th November. A copy of the full exam timetable is attached to this letter and your child will receive an individual exam timetable for the examinations in the core subjects on Monday morning.

Your child will sit examinations in the Sports Hall for the core subjects on the first week and on the second week, will sit examinations in their other subject lessons for the rest of the subjects they are doing. Your child's subject teacher will inform them of when their examination will take place, usually via a notice on Show My Homework.

Please note that Art and Design/Photography exams will take place outside of this fortnight and information will be given to those students by the Art Department.

The PPEs are a crucial part of Year 11 students' preparation for their final GCSE examinations and should be approached with a similar degree of seriousness and effort. In a sense they are a "dress rehearsal" for the real thing, but additionally, they are part of the learning process required to ensure that students achieve to their potential in the summer. The process of revision and PPE testing helps students to improve their knowledge and skills and this can be built upon even further in the summer. Conversely, failure to revise properly for the PPEs is bound to have a long-term detrimental effect on performance in the final exams. Students are responsible for bringing the correct equipment for exams and are advised to check what they need in advance with their subject teachers.

Please be aware that students are advised to be at boys' PE foyer/garage at least 15 minutes prior to the start time of all exam sessions, that are in the Sports Hall. Attendance at all relevant exam sessions is compulsory during the fortnight. If your child is ill or late on a day of an exam please contact the school via the usual methods.

Students should approach these examinations with a determination to do their best and, therefore, prepare thoroughly. Each student's examination result will indicate overall attainment and illustrate how well a student is achieving compared to the targets set at the start of Key Stage 4.

Following the exams, subject staff will mark the papers and use this information to provide feedback based on their strengths and areas for improvement. However, please note results will not be released until PPE Results Morning, which will take place during form time on Monday 4th December. Students will receive an envelope containing their individual results from the PPEs and this will then form part of the discussion at the Year 11 Consultation Evening on Thursday 7th December.

I am confident you will support us in ensuring your child is fully prepared for these exams. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school via email on year11admin@helsbyhigh.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J Cooney'.

Mr J Cooney

Assistant Headteacher (Key Stage 4 Leader)