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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 Spring Pre Public Examinations

The second set of Year 11 Pre Public Examinations will take place from Monday 13th February to Friday 3rd March 2017. This will be a key time for our Year 11 students; we feel it will serve to be an essential part of their final preparation prior to the summer examinations.

As you will be aware, modular examinations are no longer available, with all courses now being assessed in a final terminal exam. This means that for pupils nationally there are no 'second chances'. Pre Public Examinations are a crucial process to help identify the strengths and weaknesses of students and to help us to plan the learning your child will experience as they prepare for the final examination.

We would really appreciate you reinforcing the importance of the PPEs – this is the last time they will be able to fully experience the examination conditions and have an opportunity to get feedback on how they would perform in a final GCSE examination. Parental involvement and support is a fundamental element of the success our students enjoy. We very much hope that you will continue this in stressing the significance of the PPEs, supporting independent learning and revision at home, and helping us begin the final push towards a very important last three months of GCSE study. These results will inform our final levels of intervention to support your child as well as serving as the predicted grades that we send off to prospective colleges or employers.

Recently, Year 11 have had the benefit of an outside company, Made Training, delivering a very well received Study Skills session called Exams Made Easy. Feedback from students was very positive and the vast majority of our students found at least one revision technique useful to them.

English, Maths and Science PPEs will take place in the Sport Hall and students will receive an individual examination timetable with seat numbers by the end of this week. All other subjects will be holding their PPEs in normal lessons; subject teachers will inform students of when this will be. Results will be released as soon as possible, but English and Maths grades may be delayed, as they are taking part in the national Pixl Curve testing. The Pixl Curve test will allow us to gather a wider range of information relating to the progress of our students, as approximately 800 schools will be taking part.

Once again we would like to thank you for your ongoing support for your child and for us as a school in this crucial year.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Cooney
Assistant Headteacher (Key Stage 4 Leader)