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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 Spring Pre Public Examinations and Study Skills Day/Evening

The second set of Year 11 Pre Public Examinations (PPEs) will take place from Monday 11 until Thursday 28 February 2019. This will be a key time for our Year 11 students; it will serve to be an essential part of their preparation prior to the summer examinations. The timetable is attached to this email for your reference. If there are any changes to the published timetable, students will be informed in advance of the PPEs. Closer to the time students will also be given their own personalised version of the timetable, with room and seat numbers. This is an important document and should be kept safe.

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

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 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 by stressing the significance of the PPEs, encouraging and supporting independent learning and revision at home in the last few months of GCSE study. The results from these examinations will inform our final levels of intervention to support your son/daughter as well as serving as the predicted grades that we send off to prospective colleges or employers. We will be holding a PPE Results Afternoon for students on Thursday 14 March 2019, where we hope to reflect the GCSE Results Day in August. More information will be given out after February half term to both students and parents/carers.

To help prepare for the PPEs and GCSEs, on Thursday 24 January 2019, Year 11 students and parents/carers will have the benefit of an outside company, Made Training, delivering a Study Skills session called Exams Made Easy during the day time for students and from 6 – 7pm for parents/carers and students. I hope you have received the letter before the Christmas break regarding the parental session and if you are planning to attend, please return the reply slip to Student Services or contact school informing us of your attendance as soon as possible.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support for your son/daughter and for us as a school in this crucial year. If you have any concerns regarding the forthcoming PPEs or Study Skills session please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Turner, Year 11 Leader or me at the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Cooney
Assistant Headteacher (Key Stage 4 Leader)