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Dear Year 13 Parent/Carer,

I am writing to invite you to attend our **Virtual Y13 Information Evening on Thursday 27 January 2022**. This event will take place on Microsoft Teams at **6:00pm** for which we will send you the link early next week.

The purpose of this Information Evening is to provide information, guidance and support for students and their parents/carers as we embark upon the final 6 months of Year 13, and prepare students for their Advanced Level examinations in summer 2022 and the next stage of their education.

We have devised a carefully considered 'Plan for Success' strategy for the next 6 months to ensure that students not only have the correct teaching and learning within lessons, but also develop the necessary skills and techniques to support their learning, revision and independent study outside of lessons. This Information Evening will enable us to outline some of the key events taking place as well as offer support and guidance.

The next event in this Plan for Success is our second set of Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs or Mock exams) that will take place from Monday 14 February until Friday 4 March. We hope to share the necessary information to support both students and parents/carers with exam preparations and revision for these PPEs, outline the structure of these assessments, as well as information on how they will be administered.

Whilst nationally the government is committed to running the external Advanced Level examination season as planned, we must ensure that any assessments we complete take into consideration the Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG) contingency framework. This framework would come into effect in the event that the external examinations are cancelled and schools are required to generate students' grades, as was the case for the last two years. We will share the timetable for these PPEs accompanied with a supporting information booklet regarding the specific content that will be assessed, as well as more information regarding this contingency framework. As you know, the examination awarding bodies are issuing advance information on 7 February regarding adjustments to the content and/or structure of the ALevels for this summer. As soon as we have received this information, we will communicate these changes to students and parents/carers, and particularly any changes that will immediately affect the PPEs that follow.

Following on from this PPE assessment period, we will provide an update on students' attainment and progress as well as identify their areas of strength and development in all of their subjects. This will take the form of an Academic Progress Summary Report issued in the week commencing Monday 21 March, with our second Consultation Evening for Year 13 shortly after, taking place on Wednesday 23 March. It is our hope that this consultation evening will be held face-to-face, however we will communicate the specific arrangements nearer the time.

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The assessment information gained from the PPEs will enable us to structure our final revision and intervention both in and out of lessons, and focus students' individual examination preparations.

Thank you for your ongoing support and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries at all. By continuing to work together we can ensure our plan for success becomes achieving success for all our students.

Kindest regards



Mrs K Lindop
Director of Sixth Form