



Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 PPE Results, Report and Year 11 Parents' Evening on 17th January 2019

I am writing to let you know that your child will be receiving their **Pre Public Examination (PPE)** results on Tuesday 15th January. These results are based purely on the subject exams taken in the PPE examinations in December. Results will be presented to students in the hall during lesson 6. This is done to give students as close an experience as possible to the day in August when they will receive their actual results.

When looking at your child's PPE results, there are a number of factors to take into consideration, particularly if they haven't done as well as expected. The first is the pressure of revising for a full range of subjects which feature an increased amount of subject content, particularly in core subjects. This requires very good organisation and revision skills to ensure subjects are prioritised appropriately. The second is how well prepared students are in terms of their exam technique, which includes the ability to read questions accurately, understand what is required in the answers, as well as manage time in the exam. Thirdly, at national level, a much more rigorous grading system has been introduced in all subjects making it more difficult to achieve passes at grades 4 and 5 and at 7 and above. The final point is that students have not yet perfected all the skills or gained all the knowledge they will need to be successful in final exams. Between now and May they will consolidate their knowledge and spend more time on revision. For some, there will be intervention in different subject areas to ensure they are "exam ready" by the time they sit their final tests. In essence, more progress will be made between now and the start of the real GCSEs.

As well as your child's PPE results, you will receive a school report on Thursday 17th January, the same day as the Parents' Evening. This report will show your child's **predicted** grades which are a combination of the PPE grade and the standard that their teachers think they will achieve in the final GCSE. These grades are based on teachers' professional judgements and knowledge of students' typical performance. Teaching staff, senior staff and the leaders for Year 11, Mrs Townsend-Smith and Mr Gordon, will all be available for discussion and consultation at the Parents' Evening.

Please use the electronic booking system for making appointments for the Parents' Evening. This will be open from 8pm Thursday 10th January and will close at 6.30pm on Wednesday 16th January.

Please don't hesitate to contact Mr Gordon or myself should you have any questions before next Thursday.

Yours faithfully

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