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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Re: Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations

I hope you and your family had a restful summer break and that your son/daughter is keen to get started in Year 11. While a level of uncertainty still looms because of the pandemic, I want to assure you that all our staff are committed to giving the students the best opportunity to succeed.

I wrote to you in the summer to let you know that the first set of Year 11 Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) will start on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021**. These exams will largely be completed in classrooms and the results will be used to gauge your son/daughter's understanding, strengths and weaknesses in each of their subjects. This process will be repeated in **January 2022**.

Despite everything that has happened, the school currently expects national exams to return in the summer of 2022. Therefore, it is vital that the students use these PPE exam opportunities to develop their skills and improve their performance. It would be beneficial for your son/daughter to plan and complete regular revision exercises, to prepare themselves for what lies ahead. If they are unsure how to proceed with their revision, please encourage them to speak with their subject teachers as soon as possible. Your son/daughter's class teachers will keep them updated if any changes are made to the exam requirements for each subject, due to the ongoing pandemic.

If your son/daughter is concerned about what lies ahead in Year 11, try to reassure them of the following facts. Firstly, if they are in a situation where Year 10 did not go well, there is still more than enough time to put things right, especially if they start now. Secondly, if they find the work hard, that doesn't mean they can't do it, it's supposed to be a challenge. Finally, encourage them to ask for help, the earlier we can intervene, the better they will feel. Encourage them to break their learning down into smaller steps, it's more motivating for them to focus on a series of short-term goals, rather than the end point, which may seem hard to reach.

The Year 11 Subject Evening is on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021**, this is a great opportunity for you to meet with your son/daughter's teachers. The subject leaders are currently compiling a list of the most appropriate revision guides that are available for each subject, when this list is finished, I will send it to you via email, in case you want to purchase additional guides. If you have specific enquiries for any of your son/daughter's subjects, please contact them directly. If you have any general questions about Year 11 or the upcoming PPEs, please contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

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