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YEAR 11 PRE-PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS (PPEs)

Dear Parent and Carer,

All students in Year 11 will sit internal GCSE examinations the week commencing 26 November. Traditionally, these exams have been referred to as “mocks”. However, the word “mock” does not accurately reflect the importance of these exams as it suggests that they are “pretend” or “just for practice”.

The reality is that these exams, as well as providing excellent preparation for their Summer GCSE examinations, can also give students, teachers and parents alike some valuable information about current levels of performance, strengths and those areas that still need developing in order to fulfil potential in the summer. For these reasons, these exams are now referred to as Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs).

The PPE's will take place over a four-week period (26 November to 18 December) allowing students to focus on a number of subjects per week.

Students will receive their exam timetable and have already been receiving revision guidance and advice about what to revise for each subject beforehand. We will continue to work with students within our tutor time and assembly programme, focusing on study strategies and techniques that will have a positive impact on their learning and knowledge retention when used regularly. Please encourage your child to use the study strategies identified within the “Learning Scientists Study Strategies” resource that they have received and that you received via School Comms (Year 11 parents at the end of last Summer term and Year 10 parents before October half term). An electronic copy of this resource will be made available on the parents' area of the CCS website.

We would encourage all students to treat the PPEs very seriously and welcome parental support during this process.

Students will receive their results on Friday 25 January in sealed envelopes following a realistic PPE Results Event. Before then, Year 11 Parents' Evening is scheduled for Wednesday 12 December, where progress and ways forward can be discussed with individual teachers.

Yours faithfully,

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