



7 October 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer

All Year 11 students will be undertaking Pre-Public Exams in the majority of their subjects, from Monday, 2 November to Friday 13 November. These trial exams are an opportunity for students to revise and consolidate their knowledge, develop exam skills and experience full-scale exam conditions. They should be treated as a serious and important part of the build-up to the summer examinations. We are also aware of the current uncertainty about exams in Summer 2021 and need to ensure that we have a full set of results for students in the event they are used to inform centre assessed grades.

Students will be given a personalised timetable along with specific guidance on what they should revise in each subject from their teachers. This will be shared with students via the Teams App. For non-examined subjects, such as Performing Arts, students will be given work to complete over the exam period. Students also have access to GCSEPOD, Teams, Maths Watch and Class Charts to help them with guided revision.

All morning examinations will begin at 9.30am and afternoon examinations at 12.00pm. It is essential that students arrive on time and bring the correct equipment. They will require black/blue pens, pencil, ruler and a calculator for maths exams. Students must wear full school uniform for the examinations. **When not in exams students will be allowed to leave the premises.** When students have two exams in a day, they will have an allocated space to have a break and buy lunch. At all other times we expect students to be at home revising. This allows for the academy to continue to keep all students in their allocated 'bubble' to avoid the spread of Coronavirus.

If your child travels by bus to the Academy, there will be a dedicated space in the library for them to remain and study before and after exams whilst waiting for their transport.

If you are in receipt of free school meals a packed lunch will be available for collection by your child after the morning exam has finished.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs L Hedges**  
**Senior Deputy Principal**