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Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing to you remind you that the Sixth Form Pre-Public Examination period will run from **Monday 14th January to Wednesday 23rd January 2019**. Pre-public exams provide an important opportunity as they allow for staff and students alike to identify which skills and knowledge need to be further developed in preparation for students' final examinations.

A Level Lessons

Please be aware that all A-Level classes will be suspended during the first week of the examination period (**Monday 14th to Friday 18th January 2019**). All students are expected back in lessons from **Monday 22nd January** unless they still have exams. Details of which subjects this affects are at the end of this letter, and it will be made clear to students through assemblies and their tutors.

While A-Level classes will be suspended, **teachers will still be available during the usual timetabled periods and classrooms** should students wish to use the spaces to work in or to see their teachers for support and guidance. Additionally, all study facilities will remain available to students in the library and the Sixth Form Centre.

CTEC and BTEC Lessons

Due to the project-based focus of CTEC and BTEC lessons, they will continue to run as normal during the Pre-Public Exam period. If students have an examination, they will be permitted the half-day off before that examination and so do not have to attend their CTEC/BTEC lessons. For example, if a student has an examination on Monday afternoon, they do not have to be in lessons on Monday morning. Likewise, if they have an examination on Wednesday morning, they do not have to be in lessons on Tuesday afternoon. Otherwise, if students do not have an examination their **attendance to CTEC and BTEC lessons remains compulsory**.

Exam Arrangements

All of the examinations, unless otherwise stated on the students' individual timetables which are available to view on their Student Insight accounts, will take place in the school's gym. **Morning examinations will start at 9am and afternoon examinations at 1pm. Students should arrive at their examination venues 15 minutes before the start of the examination and have all necessary equipment with them.**

Sharing of Results

Following the examinations, the outcomes will be displayed in the Sixth Form. There will be a display which will separately show the students in Year 12 and Year 13 who meet or exceed their

target grades ('Hit the Bull's Eye'). It will also show those who are one grade away. We **will not** be showing the target grade or the grade the students actually achieve.

The challenge for the students is to try and be the year group who gets the highest percentage of students in the display!

The aim of this exercise is to motivate and galvanize students to prepare thoroughly for the examinations so that their performance truly reflects their best and so that they can be proud of what they achieve. Teachers and students can then reflect upon individual performances ensuring learning is personalised and students are thoroughly prepared for the real examinations.

And Finally...

Preparation is key in ensuring success, and we would like to wish all students the best of luck in their examinations.

We also recognise that this a time during which many students feel pressures which they do not always share in school yet many emotions are released once at home! In school, we are working with students to support them in maintaining a healthy work ethic and a balanced study timetable. Please do contact The Sixth Form team if you have any concerns or questions regarding your son/daughter during this period. All subject teachers are also available should you have any specific subject-related questions.

Yours faithfully,

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Deputy Head

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Head of Sixth Form

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Arrangements during the Final Week of the PPEs

The only students not expected in lessons on the **morning of Monday 22nd January** are:

- *Year 12 French Students*
- *Year 12 Health and Social Care Students*
- *Year 12 Philosophy and Ethics Students*

The only students not expected in lessons at all on **Monday 22nd January** are:

- *Year 12 History Students*
- *Year 13 History Students*
- *Year 13 English Literature Students*
- *Year 13 Sociology Students*
- *Year 13 French Students*

The only students not expected in lessons on **Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th January** are:

- *Year 12 and Year 13 Art and Design, and Photography students* who have all-day examinations.

