



10th February 2023

Dear Parents,

Re: Year 12 Pre-Public Examinations

I hope you this letter finds you well and that your son is looking forward to the busy few months ahead. It will not be long until he and his peers become the oldest year group in the school and with things like Prefect announcements, Higher Education Information Evenings and Year 12 exams coming up, we really are heading towards the business end of the year.

I am writing to you regarding the Year 12 Pre-Public Examinations, which take place after the Easter break. These examinations replace the AS Level examinations that have taken place for many years and are crucial in allowing us to assess your son's progress and attainment to date. As such, and as per previous correspondence, pupils' attainment in these examinations will be explicitly tied with their UCAS grades, alongside their LTA grades which they have been receiving throughout the academic year. UCAS grades are produced for each of the subjects using a combination of Pre-Public Examination results, performance across the Lower Sixth year, and the professional judgement of your son's teachers. We will discuss this further at the upcoming Higher Education Information Evening, which takes places on Tuesday 28th March, in the Great Hall, with a 5.30pm start, as detailed in the school newsletter earlier this term.

The Pre-Public Examinations (PPE) are a crucial opportunity for the students to learn good practice ahead of A Level examinations next year, as well as providing a rigorous test of their progress and attainment to date. Accordingly, in recognition of the importance we place in the examinations, your son will be on study leave for the duration of this period, from Tuesday 18th April to Thursday 27th April 2023 inclusive. This means that he is not expected to be in school for the duration of the week, other than for scheduled examinations. Students are however welcome to come into school, whether to revise independently or to meet with teachers by appointment, however they must register in the school office on arrival and to sign out if they leave before 3.25pm. Any student attending school for any reason including sitting examinations, must meet all expectations regarding dress and appearance. As always, the Sixth Form Centre will be open from approximately 7.15am each morning and until approximately 6pm each evening throughout the exam period, should students wish to use this facility as a revision space.

A timetable for the PPE period has been attached for your information. Students are expected to be outside the examination venue 10 minutes before the start of each session. This is to ensure that they can be enrolled and instructions issued as required. Students are expected to sit mock examinations under the same conditions that they will experience in their A Level examinations next summer. As such, we expect complete silence during examinations, as per

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the standard examination regulations. In addition, students should ensure that they attend with the correct examination equipment in a clear pencil case. Equipment will not be loaned out during the examination under any circumstances. This means that if a student attends an exam without the required equipment then they will need to complete the exam without that piece of equipment.

Please ensure your son checks the timetable carefully for any clashes and to see Ms L Croft before the end of March to make any alternative arrangements.

One of the benefits of exposure to examinations is that the pupils must ensure that they have undertaken adequate preparation. Please do encourage your son to work meaningfully on revision; a good base of work completed now will ensure that they are well placed to perform well this summer, whilst also providing a reliable foundation for success next year.

Analysis of PPE results will be conducted by myself, Mrs Palfreyman (Assistant Head: Curriculum, Teaching and Learning) and the Leadership Group to identify students who are at risk of failing to achieve their minimum expected grades, which have been shared with you in progress reviews to date. Action plans will then be put into place with those students so to encourage and support academic improvements.

Please note that the examination results will be issued to the students via a results day which is provisionally scheduled on the afternoon of Friday 5th May 2023, after which, a digital copy of these results will be sent home to you in due course.

Whilst writing, please be aware that the JCG and Beaulieu Year 12 exam dates are currently scheduled to fall on the dates below. Students will be expected to attend their VCJ lessons during these dates, unless they clash with an exam. Similarly, boys should attend Beaulieu and JCG lessons during our exam period, unless they have an exam at that time.

JCG – 22nd-26th May inclusive
Beaulieu – 15th-26th May inclusive

I wish your son well for the upcoming examinations and, as mentioned above, have attached a copy of the Year 12 Pre-Public Examination timetable for your information. Should you have any concerns or queries relating to any of the above content, please feel do contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,



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