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Dear parent

**Important Year 12 Exam Information - Monday 7 – Friday 18 June 2021**

I am writing to provide you with some important information regarding Year 12 exams. Year 12 students will be taking internal exams straight after the May half-term holiday. These exams will be used as a measure of progress and potential as students move on to Year 13. The expectation is that students will pass all of these exams to allow them to successfully progress to Year 13. If for any reason this does not happen, or they seriously underperform, we will meet with you to discuss this further and agree a support plan. This is also an important process for our current Year 12 students, given the cancellation of the GCSE examinations in summer 2020. This will be a positive opportunity for them to undertake a rigorous revision and examination period as preparation for the A-level examination period in Year 13.

In addition, we will be using the grades that students achieve in these exams as the basis for their predicted grades for university applications. All schools now have to produce a statement about how as a school, we make predictions. We will explain that the Year 12 exam grades will be used as the primary source of information. In our experience, work produced in exam conditions is the most accurate predictor of exam performance.

All students received an assembly last week where we shared this information with them, as well as some guidance on how best to revise. We expect all students to be revising from now until their exams. This means that they will then have revision materials for some of this year's work, which will be invaluable preparation for the real A-levels next year. Each student's tutor and class teachers will be checking regularly that students are completing revision and using their study periods effectively. Please can you emphasise the importance of these exams and the need to complete thorough and detailed revision to enable students to show their potential in the real exams.

Students have been reminded that dental and medical appointments should be booked outside of school time wherever possible and attendance to all lessons is a key requirement. Furthermore, it is imperative that part-time jobs do not exceed 12 hours per week as an absolute maximum. In some cases, students may need to limit their shifts in order to engage effectively with the key revision period. We would appreciate it if you could reinforce these important messages at home so that we can make sure all students manage their time effectively.

Thank you for your continued support; the involvement of parents is the key to the success of post-16 students. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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