

20 November 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Postponement of PPEs

Further to Mrs Bone's update of 4 November, I am writing to remind you that Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs, also known as mocks), which were planned for February 2021 remain postponed until further notice.

Our rationale for taking this decision is that until we have further official confirmation on how the changes in Wales will affect examinations in England, we would rather students spend time in lessons studying and revising the knowledge and skills they need to be successful in the subjects they are learning. In addition, Ofqual, the body responsible for overseeing the examination process in England, will be outlining proposals to the government in the coming weeks on next year's public examinations and how they could be implemented. We would like to avoid a situation whereby students spend two weeks off timetable in February 2021 sitting examination papers, only to see a change in format and/or be told that all schools need to organise a series of PPEs in spring, as will be the case in Wales, and therefore miss a further fortnight of lessons.

In light of this, curriculum staff are setting regular assessed classwork to identify any areas of support needed this academic year. This not only enables teachers to check understanding and identify learning gaps, but also ensures students keep on practising exam skills in preparation for future PPEs and summer examinations.

I wish to take this opportunity to praise Year 11 for their continued commitment and tenacity and remain incredibly proud of my year group. I am always impressed by their collective attitude of determination in the face of adversity and their ability to look to positives in the future.

Should you have any concerns regarding your child's academic progress, please do not hesitate to contact their teachers or relevant Heads of Department. If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, please do get in touch with me or your child's Tutor directly.

Yours sincerely,



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