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Dear Parent / Carer

### **Year 11 Update**

Today represents 99 days until the date of the first written GCSE exam on Monday 16 May 2022 and I therefore thought I would mark it with an update about all things Year 11!

Students will soon be taking their next set of PPEs ('mock' pre-public examinations) – these begin on Monday 14 March 2022 and represent a final chance to practise for all papers in exam conditions. I have attached a copy of the PPE timetable to this email. They will provide teachers and students with incredibly useful information about areas to concentrate on in the final weeks of revision and it is therefore vital that students take these seriously. Research on memory tells us that repeated revision of material helps content go into students' long term memory and I therefore strongly urge all students to revise thoroughly for this set of exams. Revision timetables should be created and students should be revising for at least ten hours per week now in addition to completing scheduled homework tasks. If your child needs any support with revision, please encourage them to speak to their form tutor in the first instance. Please remind your child to attend all intervention sessions which take place every night for a range of core and option subjects as attendance at these is guaranteed to support student achievement.

With the beginning of the final exams in sight, thoughts turn to leavers' celebrations. Last year, in response to restrictions imposed by Coronavirus, we ran a Leavers' Assembly during the school day then held a Leavers' Celebration on the evening at school. Feedback from this event was exceptional – all students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate their achievements together as a year group without the huge expense of a prom and the attendance was double that of a usual 'Prom'. For these reasons we have decided that this will now be our usual way of celebrating our Leavers and the Y11 Leavers' Celebration for the class of 2022 will be held in school on the evening of Friday 1 July. There is no 'dress code' as such – students can choose to dress up or dress down as desired and we can promise that this really will be a night to remember.

Yours sincerely



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