

CK/CNA/2012

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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Countdown to the final exams

I thought it might be useful to share the key dates with you as we count down to the GCSE exams season.

The Pre-Public Exams – 27th February until 10th March

The final set of Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) prior to the final GCSE exams are underway and will continue until 10th March.

Following up the PPEs – 13th March until 31st March

Once the PPE papers have been marked students will be given a new Magee Proforma for all their subjects which tells them their current grade and how they performed for each question, compared to the total marks available. These will be stuck into all exercise books.

You will receive another progress report on 20th March and students will be given holiday work to complete in order to close their gaps in knowledge, skills and understanding. We will also run some revision sessions during the holidays; more details from Learning Team Leaders will follow for individual students.

During tutor time, intervention sessions in Maths, English and Science take place. Please encourage your child to make the most of this opportunity to access extra support. We are also offering after school revision sessions in those subjects. In addition, every Wednesday and Thursday afterschool Night Club takes place which is run by members of the Senior Leadership Team.

We are running a reward trip on Wednesday 29th March to the Wetherby Cinema to watch a film. Those students who have met homework deadlines, who achieve an average effort grade of 3 or above and who do not receive a negative for behaviour will be invited.



The last leg

Students will attend lessons as normal but practical exams will take place during this period in subjects such as Art and PE. We will hold revision conferences for some subjects with exams calendared early in the series. Students will be given a revision timetable which indicates which lessons they must attend and study leave will not begin until sometime after the exams have started. The final day of exams is 21st June so please do not book any holidays until after this date.

If you have any concerns about your child's performance in a particular subject, please contact the teacher directly in the first instance. For concerns relating to general performance or pastoral matters please contact me. You can monitor your child's performance using e-Portal, which shows you positive and negative behaviour events, and detentions allocated for missed homework deadlines or poor behaviour. I am sure you will agree that now is the time to encourage good study habits and high expectations.

Thank you for your support, and please remember we appreciate any feedback – positive or negative, as well as suggestions about how we can keep you well informed during these important last months.

Yours sincerely



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