

7 November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Our Year 11 Parents Consultation Evening will be held on Thursday, 16th November 2017. Your son/daughter will be able to make appointments using the booking page on Page 11 of their planners. You have already received the latest assessment data and this should help you to prioritise your appointments. Where we have particular concerns and more to discuss, students may be given a double appointment. We look forward to seeing you at this event; with only 22 school weeks before the first real examination and 2 weeks between Parents Evening and the start of PPEs, it is essential that we are able to discuss each child's progress with parents and carers.

Please also take a few minutes to look at the 'Assessment Point Review Pages' from page 123 of the Planner. Students have used these to record targets for each subject and should be working to meet these ahead of the PPEs.

PPEs (pre public or mock exams) start on 27th November 2017. New GCSE courses are now much more demanding in terms of the examination requirements and in most subjects students are going to sit exams that are much longer and more challenging than in previous years. It is essential that all students use these PPEs well; they will help us know what they can and can't do and give students an opportunity to build the resilience they will need in the summer. Examination timetables will be issued on Tuesday 7th November and students will be able to bring these home. It would be really useful if you could discuss these exams with your son or daughter and support them in managing their revision.

We have worked with students on revision techniques and made it clear to them that chunking their work into smaller pieces is much more effective than trying to do hours of revision without a break. Research shows that music, social media or television in the background doesn't enhance concentration like many teenagers will tell you. Please encourage your son or daughter to turn these off and to focus on 30-60 minutes of revision without distraction before taking a break.

We look forward to seeing you at school on 16th November.

Yours faithfully,



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