

7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 11 trial examination fortnight

Our Year 11 students will be completing examinations across all subjects that they study from **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February**. This is the second set of trial examinations that your child will be completing since the start of the academic year. Trial exams provide the school with a very accurate picture of where individual students are at in their journey towards achieving their potential. Examinations are an opportunity for students to revise and consolidate their knowledge, develop examination skills and experience exam conditions.

You will be aware of how GCSEs were awarded last year for students by using Centre Assessed Grades (CAGS), this year there are changes to some content that students will study within specific subject areas and this has been communicated to students during their lessons. At present the plan is to go ahead and sit their GCSE examinations this summer. In the event that we need to submit centre assessed grades again, it is important that we have a strong evidence base and completing a second set of trial examinations allows us to do this.

Attached to this letter is an outline of when the examinations will be taking place. Specific guidance on what and how they should revise in each subject will be delivered by their class teachers and be available via Insight. Students need to ensure that they have all the relevant resources they need such as revision guides, exercise books and past examination questions to support them with their revision. Students are also advised to use MathsWatch and Seneca Learning.

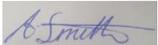
Students are expected to attend school every day as normal – they will either be in examinations or in normal lessons. Students must arrive on time and be ready to place their bag in the café and then enter the examination hall in silence. Please could you ensure your child is aware of which examinations they have and that they arrive to school promptly for these.

In addition to preparing for exams by completing revision, students need to make sure that they have all the necessary equipment for each examination. This includes the following: two black pens, pencil, ruler, calculator (for maths/science examinations), and a clear pencil case to house the above equipment.

Please note that possession of a mobile phone or other unauthorised equipment, such as Smart Watches, iPods, earphones etc., or any unauthorised written material in the examination venue is a serious breach of the examination regulations and will be reported to the examination boards. This could lead to future disqualification if students have these items in the examination hall in the summer series of GCSE examinations.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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