

9th November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach our Pre-Public Examination (PPE) period, I have some key information to share with you. The PPE exams (sometimes called mock exams) will begin on Monday 12th November and will end on Tuesday 20th November. Students were given their PPE timetables before half term and these have been reissued today. Students continue to attend their normal timetabled lessons when they are not in an exam.

During the PPE period students are invited to attend breakfast every day in the academy gym from 8am. This is free of charge. In previous years we have found this gives our students a settled and purposeful start to the day, especially as subject teachers attend and can provide some final tips to students before the exam.

Students are permitted to leave the academy at the end of the afternoon exam, this is usually around 2.30pm and gives students an opportunity to focus their preparation fully on the following day's exam. Please refer to your child's individual timetable. We recognise the pressures this period can place on students and to support their well-being, period 6 sessions will not take place during the PPE period. Of course, if support is required from a subject teacher, students are more than welcome to contact the teacher to plan a mutually convenient time.

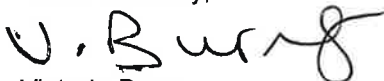
On Wednesday 14th November students should arrive at the academy at break time (11am) as this is a teaching and learning morning for staff. They will attend period 3 as normal. On Friday 16th November the academy will be raising money for Children in Need. To ensure that students are fully focussed on their exam, and to replicate the formality of the exam protocols, **Year 11 students will attend on this day in full academy uniform.**

We know that our students are working hard to prepare for these exams and we look forward to sharing the results of the examinations with you at the end of November. As a reward for their efforts, Mr Mitchell (the Head of Year 11) has planned a residential experience in December and will be sharing further information about this exciting opportunity very soon.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to remind you of our next countdown to success event. The event will take place 100 days before the start of the summer exam period on Tuesday 20th November at 5.30pm-6.15pm in the academy hall. This will be a revision fair where lots of materials and resources will be shared with our students and their families. Our SUA6 Sixth Form Open Evening follows this at 6.30pm-7.30pm on the same evening.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you on 20th November.

Yours sincerely,



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