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Dear Parent/Carer

### Yr. 9 PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS (PREs) 2021

I am writing to give you details of the **Yr. 9 PREs** which will be taking place from the **7<sup>th</sup> of June to the 15<sup>th</sup> of June.**

The PREs are a really important diagnostic tool which we use to assess the progress that students are making in each of their subjects. This is especially important this year given how much learning has been lost due to National Lockdowns. These exams will give us the information that we need in order to know exactly where gaps in learning exist so that we can then address these areas and plug those gaps.

Given this it is extremely important that all students revise and prepare thoroughly for the PREs so that the information we get is accurate. Without accurate information, our plans for support and intervention will not be nearly as effective as they could otherwise be.

Another important consideration is that the information that comes out of these PRE results could be used to determine actual GCSE grades in the future, should we find ourselves in a situation where exams are not sat by students. **Some of the evidence being used to determine GCSE grades for our Yr11s this year is based upon their performance when they were in Yr. 9.**

This time around, given the breaks in learning this year, teachers will precisely guide students as to what topics they need to revise and focus on. Teachers will also support students by preparing them for their exams during their lessons.

Please support us in encouraging your child to take these exams seriously and to prepare thoroughly for them. These PREs could count for more than 'just' a mock!

If you have any questions or require any advice, then please do get in touch.

Kind regards

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