



17<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well and I hope you were able to enjoy a break over the half term. At PHSG we have been impressed by the resilience and determination of the students in their approach to the mock examinations that are fast approaching, they should all be congratulated for their efforts.

I have spoken to the year 11 and 13 students in their recent assemblies about mock examinations and our plans here at Plymouth High should the examinations not take place in the summer of 2022. This letter is to clarify this information for Parents/Guardians.

Year 11 are continuing to prepare for their mock examinations either in class or independently at home, the mocks are scheduled to start at the end of November. Year 13 will be thinking about their mocks which are scheduled to take place after Christmas. Whilst we fully expect to see the return of traditional examinations and assessment in the summer of 2022, we are mindful that it is important for us to prepare for all eventualities.

Last year, the year 11 and 13 mock examinations were just one of a range of assessments that helped us to arrive at the centre assessed grades (CAG). If we are asked to provide centre assessed grades for the 2022 session, then we may well use the mocks as part of the evidence bank. If CAGs are requested by the examination boards, then the assessments completed in school (under test conditions) that cover a broad range of the curriculum and use examination style questions will be used to help support the grade judgements made about a student.

Students should therefore revise carefully for the mocks using the resources that teachers have posted on teams and the Thinking Strategies that they have been learning about in tutor time. Parents play a vital role in helping their child to be ready for the mocks and I thank you in advance for the support you offer at home. The head student team have published a survival booklet which can be found [here](#) on our website.

Here some other useful links that parents and students might find useful in helping to prepare for examinations:

[Tips for exams - The Mix](#)

[Revision & Exam Tips | Mental Health | YoungMinds](#)

We encourage all students to continue to work hard in all lessons. They should also think about what extra study may be necessary between now and the summer to work towards achieving the grades they are hoping for, and focus on any areas for improvement identified by teachers in either school reports or on marked work returned.

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes,

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