



19 May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this finds you well.

Our year 11 and 13 students have been magnificent since their public examinations started. Their positivity and 'can do' attitude is a testament to their character and perseverance and we are all very proud of them. I thought you would appreciate a reminder of the examination arrangements.

## **Notice for Y11 and Y13 students with regards external examinations**

Students have their personalised examination timetables and have been using them to plan revision and to ensure that they are properly prepared for each assessment.

Students and parents are encouraged to ensure that all the information in the booklet that accompanies the timetable has been read and digested. Any questions should be directed to Mrs Hardwick, our examinations officer here at the school.

In particular we ask families to please note the following:

Afternoon examinations beginning at 1.30pm that are over 2 hours long will of course go beyond the usual end of the school day and so students will need to be prepared to make alternative travel arrangements to get them home as their usual bus or train will be missed on these days.

Families are advised NOT to book any holidays until after the 28<sup>th</sup> June. OFQUAL plan in contingency days for examinations in case of national emergencies.

Some students have additional paperwork as they have examination clashes or medical needs and this paperwork needs to be read, completed and returned to Mrs Hardwick as soon as possible.

The signing in and out procedure has been shared with students and parents and we ask that students maintain their current good practice.

### **Key stage 3 assessments**

Years 7, 8 and 9 will be sitting their end of year assessments next week. Students will not have an assessment during every period and will have the opportunity to revise during some lessons, so bringing in knowledge banks and other revision materials would be a good idea. I would be grateful if you would discuss this with your child so that everyone has something meaningful to revise in between assessments. Making good use of study periods is good preparation for assessments and helps to form effective learning habits.

### **Half term holiday**

May half term runs from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Students return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in our survey this year. I thought you would be interested to hear of some of the outcomes. 93% of parents say that they feel we have high expectations of their child always or very often. 96% of parents feel that their child does very well at PHSG always or very often and 96% feel that their child is progressing always or very often. 96% would recommend the school to others. Thank you for your support.

Very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Underdown'.

**Simon Underdown.**  
**Headteacher.**