

March 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

During the week beginning 25th April, our Year 12 students will be completing examinations. The arrangements for these have been outlined to students, however, a brief summary of the purpose of the assessments and the plans to run them are included in this letter.

Given the fact that the current Year 12 cohort didn't sit end-of-course examinations in Year 11, it is important that they prepare for these assessments as they will provide a key barometer on the progress being made so far. The examinations will also:

- Outline areas where further attention and support is needed over the final few weeks of Year 12 and the start of Year 13
- Support staff predictions for our own internal data and UCAS predictions for those students wanting to apply to University
- Help identify students in need of some additional support and intervention from the wider Sixth Form team
- Support students in preparing for next year's mock and final examinations.

The assessments will be completed in Lees Hall under examination conditions. Students will receive a timetable and, when they are not due in an exam, they will not be required to attend lessons and should use the time to prepare for their next assessment.

Staff have been supporting students in preparing for these examinations through classwork and independent study tasks. Any students who do not achieve a pass in their Year 12 examination for one of their subjects could potentially be at risk of not being able to continue that course of study in Year 13.

We have every reason to feel very positive about the potential performance of our Year 12 students in these examinations and in their final ones next year. Despite the difficulties of their GCSE experience, the students have risen to the challenge of Sixth Form study and their levels of commitment and focus have been noted by all of our staff.

If you or your child have any questions regarding the examinations, please contact a member of the Sixth Form Team.

Yours faithfully



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