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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: YEAR 11 TRIAL EXAMINATIONS

On Monday 9th November, our Year 11 students will begin their trial examinations. During this time, students will sit papers in almost all of their subjects. The exams will conclude on Friday 20th November.

The main focus of the trial examinations is to provide both students and staff with an indication of where good progress is being made and where further work is needed ahead of the final exams in Year 11.

Students have had an assembly to provide further details on the examinations as well as some guidance on revision strategies. More information regarding the revision process, including a planning proforma, can be found on the school website at https://chaseterraceacademy.co.uk/school-life/revision/ Trial examination timetables have also been circulated.

We appreciate that many of our students will be apprehensive about sitting a full round of examinations, however, this provides an opportunity for them to build on the experience of the Year 10 examinations and undergo the preparation process required for an intensive period of exams. Students will be supported in individual subject areas with specific revision activities and this work will be set through Satchel One.

It is really important that students have the correct equipment for their examinations so that they are able to attempt each question. Students should ensure that they have: two black biros, a pencil and sharpener, an eraser, a ruler, a compass, a protractor and a scientific calculator. If they bring a pencil case, it should be clear.

If students wish to take a bottle of water into the examination with them, the label should be removed and the bottle can only contain water. Mobile phones are not allowed in the exam hall under any circumstances, therefore, students should leave their phone pouches in their bags outside the exam hall. All watches should be removed.

Some of the afternoon examinations will be completed before the end to the normal school day. Once these exams are finished, students will be free to leave the site. Please note that there will be no school crossing support on the main road outside the school at this time, so students should take extra care if they need to cross the main road. Students who are unable to get home are able to wait in the library until the end of the day.

During this period, some students will also be completing catch-up work for BTEC subjects where they are not needed in an exam. This will be communicated directly to students.

Our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place from 6pm – 8pm on Wednesday 4th November. This is an excellent opportunity to find out about the wide range of academic and vocational courses that we offer in our Sixth Form to support your child in planning the next stage of their educational journey. Please see the website for further information.

Yours faithfully

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Deputy Headteacher