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Dear Parent / Carer

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Year 11 Parents' Evening last night; we hope the evening was informative.

As you are aware, Year 11 students have their pre-public examinations (mock examinations) coming up soon after October half-term so I am including a copy of the timetable for your information.

The PPEs run for a period of two weeks and, in addition to completing PPEs in their subjects, students will also use this time to work on their assignments for vocational qualifications. Many students have deadlines looming and there are a number of students who need to complete additional assignments in this window. There will be a full package of support in place for students who need to resubmit assignments in order to have the best chance of achieving their target grades. These two weeks are extremely important for students and it is imperative that they attend school and work hard for their PPEs and their vocational assignments.

The PPEs are not only a valuable opportunity for students to measure the progress they have already made in Y11 but also to gauge where their overall performance sits against National benchmarks. Staff will be using the data they gather from the PPEs to create targeted curriculum documents to ensure all lessons are highly focused on key areas to strengthen as well as any remaining content prior to the next round of PPEs in March. JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) have very strict rules and regulations regarding conduct during controlled assessments, vocational assignments and examinations. Please familiarise yourselves with them by following this link: [Information for candidates documents - JCQ Joint Council for Qualifications](#) Students have already been made aware of these and we will remind them of them in the next few weeks.

Results of the PPEs will be shared in a formal manner on our Y11 Mock Results Day in the new year. A further Parents' Evening will then take place with a particular focus on those students not making the required progress towards their Summer exams. Please encourage your child to use their half term break wisely. Whilst it is important to rest after a very busy half term, it is also crucially important for students to revise for their upcoming assessments. Students should put in place a revision timetable to support them with this. To support students' revision, as mentioned in Mr Donlan's Weekly Updates, general and weekly revision materials are available via the Y11 MS Teams page and on the school website.

We are running a support evening for parents and students on Wednesday 8th November in which we are running a series of workshops aimed at helping parents and students through



this period of exams and assessments. Please put this date in your diaries; we will be sending out further information on this in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Mahon
Vice Principal