18 December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

**Year 13 Trial Examinations**

All students will sit trial examinations in January. The **Year 13 exam period starts on 8 January and concludes on the 17 January.** Normal lessons for Year 13 will resume on the 18 January and all students are expected to be in School. All Art students will sit their trial exam on the 17 and 18 January and will not be expected to be in lessons on 18 January. All AM examinations will begin at 9am and all PM examinations will begin at 1pm. All examinations will take place in the hall apart from the exams on the 17 January, which will take place in SH201 and 203. Any students who miss an exam due to a clash or a university interview for example, will sit those papers on 21 January.

Study leave has been allocated during the exam period to Year 13 and students are not expected to attend School, except for their exams. If students wish to use the sixth form study centre or meet with a teacher during the exam period, it is essential they sign in and out at the Sixth Form admin desk.

Please see the attached timetable for details and dates of each exam session. The trial examinations are an opportunity for students to get a realistic idea of their progress to date and to experience as similar a scenario as possible to their external exams which commence from May 2019.

Unless stated otherwise, all examinations will be held in the Main Hall which is one of the rooms used during the summer examination season. There will be a seating plan for each examination displayed outside the room, which students must consult before they enter. A register will be taken in each examination. Students should bring a clear plastic pencil case and any calculators taken into an examination must not have any writing on the cases. Mobile phones and watches will not be permitted in the exam room.

It is important that students prepare fully for these examinations to allow them to get accurate feedback on the areas they should focus on in preparation for their summer examinations. Without revision, the trial exams will not help identify these areas and will result in the student being less prepared for their final exams.

**Results of trial examinations**

All students are required to attend a results assembly. During this, they will collect their results in order to replicate A Level results day as closely as possible. This will allow students to establish if they have obtained the necessary grades required for their university of choice. There will be no study leave permitted on this afternoon.
Year 13 students will receive their results during period 5 on **Friday 1 February**.

The following staff will be available to speak with following collection of results so students can discuss the implications should this be replicated in the summer.

Mr Eley – Head of Sixth Form  
Ms Lane – Assistant Head (KS5)  
Mrs Pickford – Careers Advisor  
Members of the Senior Leadership Team

We would obviously encourage you to discuss these important results with your son/daughter. We are very grateful for your continuing support. If you would like any further support, please do not hesitate to contact the KS5 pastoral team.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Eley  
Head of Sixth Form