

Wednesday 6th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on from the latest Government announcement on Vocational Examinations yesterday evening, we have taken the difficult decision to cancel the external January/February examinations. We appreciate that some students and their families will be disappointed by this, but we believe this is the safest option for students, their families and the whole community.

We do intend to run remote Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs, previously referred to as Mock Examinations), including close matches to some of the vocational examinations that were due to take place this January and February, and we will be in touch with more details about how they will operate. We have never been in the position of having to run remote PPE Examinations before, therefore we are currently working through the practicalities of this. Preparation that students have made for the cancelled examinations (both external vocational examinations and planned internal PPEs) will therefore still be captured, and we know our students will be eager to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding in their subjects.

We are accumulating assessment information for all students against both formal and informal assessments in order that contributions teachers are asked to make in providing final grades are well evidenced.

It is more imperative than ever that students continue to work hard in all their subjects, working alongside staff to continue to make good progress. We are confident that our young people will demonstrate their resilience in rising to this challenge, and we appreciate your support in relaying the importance of continuing to work hard to your son / daughter.

We apologise for the volume of communications we are currently having to make, but we feel it is important to keep you fully informed as the situation is constantly evolving. If you have any questions about any points raised in this letter, please don't hesitate to get in touch, initially through your child's House Leader.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Please keep safe and take care.

Yours faithfully,



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