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Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: Year 12 Exam Preparation and Work Related Learning

As you will be aware, we are fast approaching the traditional period for Year 12 to sit their external AS exams. However, with the changes to the KS5 curriculum there will be far fewer students in this situation. As such, I have summarised the different pathways students will be following below.

Students taking external AS exams:

Students that are undertaking an AS will have all received their exam timetables. By now, they should have checked their own timetables and any queries notified to Mrs Loakes our Examinations Officer. If this has not happened, then they need to be checked as soon as possible by your son/daughter. Examinations for Year 12 begin on 15th May 2017. They are allowed one day of study on the day before they have an external examination (that can be taken at home). Those who have exams in May will be expected to return to lessons straight after they have taken their exam unless they are on a programme of four and have already confirmed the subject they are intending to drop. They will not be required to attend this subject areas lessons after they have taken their external exam.

Students not taking AS external exams:

Those students who have no external examinations this May will be required to maintain 100% attendance to all lessons up until the end of the academic year. Towards the end of June all Year 12 students will sit internal pre-public examinations to assess their current progress level within their subject areas.

I cannot stress enough the importance of thorough revision prior to both external and PPE examinations. For Year 12 students it is imperative that they revise well and I would encourage you to support your son/daughter to complete thorough revision by discussing their revision progress regularly and using the Parents' revision guide that was sent to all Year 12 parents, via email. This can also be found on the Sixth Form area of the Academy's school website.

Work Related Learning:

For students to have the best possible personal profile as they finish Year 12, and in preparation for future applications, it is important they can demonstrate having explored a future career pathway through some form of work-related learning or volunteering.

For entry onto some higher education courses such as Medicine, Veterinary Science, Nursing or Teaching experience is essential, while for other courses it is highly desirable. For students who are considering starting apprenticeships or employment after the Sixth Form, all experience of work is considered to be a very important aspect of any application.

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We are allocating time, following examinations, for students to undertake work experience, work shadowing or work-related volunteering activities. The table below shows our plans for after the national examinations.

Week Commencing	Examinations and Work-Related Learning
15th May	Examinations begin
26th May	Examinations conclude for some
30th May	Half Term Holiday
5th June	A Level Study Continues
12th June	A Level Study Continues
19th June	A Level Study Continues
26th June	A Level Study Continues and PPE Examinations for all Year 12
3rd July	A Level Study Continues and PPE Examinations for all Year 12
10th July	A level Study Concludes and Summer projects set
17th July	Work Experience Week for all Year 12

Experience shows that placements arranged by students themselves, through personal contacts, are often the most valuable. Where students are present in the workplace, it is very important that employer liability insurance and health and safety arrangements are in place. The Academy needs to be sure that this is the case and can arrange for checks in local employers. For distant placements and some opportunities through personal contacts, it is not possible to undertake checks. In such cases parents, may choose to take responsibility for the placement by making their own arrangements; where this is so, written verification will be required. Forms relating to placements will be made available to students in Term 5 and should be returned before examinations begin.

Results day will be the 17th August 2017 and students who have taken an examination will be required to collect their results from the main hall. Details regarding this will be sent out closer to the time, as there is a procedure that all students must follow on the day. On this day members of the Sixth Form Team will be present to offer any advice and guidance, as needed.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely



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Head of Sixth Form