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Dear Parent

Trial Exam Information for Year 12 Students

Trial exams in January for students on AS courses

You may be aware that Year 13 students will be sitting trial exams in the week beginning Monday 6th January 2020. However, there will be no trial exams for most Year 12 students in January, unless they are studying for an external "AS" exam in the summer. There will be a trial exam in January for Year 12s in these subjects only and those individuals should be aware of this.

For those students who have trial exams in these subjects, to help prepare, they will not be expected to be in lessons the morning before an afternoon exam, or the afternoon before a morning exam.

These trial exams are very important to assess how students are doing on their courses and ensure they have thoroughly revised the first term's work. This exam preparation will be crucial to students' success in the summer and students must take the exams seriously and prepare well for them. They should be revising now and regularly throughout the Christmas break for these examinations in order to put themselves in a very strong position for the exams in the summer.

Year 12 end of year exams

Year 12 students will have end of year exams in June to assess their progress in A level courses. These results will be treated the same as an external exam in gauging students' progress and suitability to move into the second year. We expect students to achieve a minimum of a D-grade in their end of year 12 exams to support their progress into Year 13. It is therefore vital that students continue to work hard during Year 12 to ensure that they are ready to make the next step.

Level 3 courses exams

Studying Level 3 applied subjects (ICT, Health and Social Care and Applied Business) will have external assessments during Year 12. These will count towards their final grade and students will be aware of these via their teachers and communication from the exams office via their registers.

Sixth form students will finish school for the Christmas break on Friday 20th December at 12.25pm, with the rest of the school finishing at 1.45pm. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you an enjoyable holiday.

Yours faithfully

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