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Dear Parent/Carer,

We will be issuing the Year 11 Pre-Public Examination (PPE) results to the students before lunch on Wednesday 6th December 2017. This will be in the form of one summary results sheet which replicates the experience in the summer. We will make it clear how these results would impact on Sixth Form choices. I am sure that you will be looking forward to seeing this summary! We have ensured that all teachers resist the temptation to issue results in advance of this date. The students' behaviour in the Examination Hall was outstanding and we were very encouraged by their attitudes.

We have made the decision to collate and publish only the results of the actual PPE. Clearly this may therefore not be a full picture of the overall GCSE performance, as a number of subjects still have to complete Controlled Assessments, ISAs and practicals. However, in most subjects the examination is the main component and should be a good reflection of preparation and revision. There are a few exceptions to this however. In English Language, the grade is based on all Language work completed in Year 10. The Science grade reflects the PPE and is then given twice, as next summer all Dual Award scientists get two grades for Science. For most subjects we are using the new grading of 1-9, but we must stress that these grades are a professional judgement by the teachers, as this is the first cohort for the new 1-9 in all subjects.

We have used fine grading, which means that a 4+ is a high 4 and students should be aspiring to progress quickly to a 5. A 4- is low 4 and should therefore lead to some additional work to secure the grade. A grade 4 in English and Maths is counted as a pass, and does not need to be resat in post-16. However, a number of Universities do require at least a 5 for entry.

I would encourage you to reflect upon these examinations at home and set appropriate targets. We are doing this with all students on Wednesday afternoon. There is a page in a booklet we are using that we expect parents/carers to complete and return at Parents Evening on Thursday. As before, I would really recommend use of GCSEPod. Our second set of PPE's will take place in March 2018.

I am sure that the students can start to look forward with some excitement to their final exams so that they can achieve grades of which they are proud. Invariably students attain what they deserve.

Yours sincerely,

P Johnson

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