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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Upcoming PPE Assessments in Mathematics and Science

As we approach the next round of Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs), I would like to highlight the importance of these assessments for all students studying Mathematics and Science.

The PPEs will provide an important indication of your child's current level of performance and readiness for their GCSE examinations next summer. Alongside classwork, homework, and ongoing assessment information, the results of these exams will be a significant factor in determining the tier of entry for GCSE examinations in Mathematics and Science.

As you may be aware, students can be entered for either the **Higher Tier** or **Foundation Tier** examinations. Selecting the most appropriate tier is an important decision, as it ensures students are given the best opportunity to achieve their potential. The upcoming PPE assessments will provide valuable evidence to help staff make informed decisions about the tier that is most suitable for each student.

We would therefore encourage all students to take these assessments seriously and to begin preparing well in advance. Effective revision, regular practice, attendance at all lessons, and engagement with any additional support sessions will all help students to perform at their best.

Over the coming weeks, students should:

- Follow a structured revision timetable.
- Complete revision tasks and independent study set by their teachers.
- Regularly practise examination-style questions.
- Seek support from their teachers if they are unsure about any topics.
- Make use of the revision resources provided by the school – for example, the recent topic-by topic science revision guide uploaded onto Google Classroom.

While PPE performance is not the sole factor used when making entry decisions, it is one of the most important pieces of evidence available to us. We therefore ask for your support in encouraging your child to prepare thoroughly and approach these assessments with a positive and determined attitude.

Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any questions regarding the PPE assessments or GCSE tier entries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

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