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Dear Parent/Carer

The Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) for pupils in Year 11 will take place starting on Monday 30th November – Tuesday 8th December 2026. Please find attached the timetable for these examinations.

To replicate the conditions of the real GCSEs and allow your daughter to acclimatise to the exam room further, the PPEs will take place in the Curie Gym unless otherwise indicated and will be supervised by external exam invigilators. When she does not have an exam, your daughter will be in her normal lessons revising for any upcoming exams and therefore she should make sure she brings her books with her to use this time productively. To further aid preparations, all students will be given guidance from each subject on how best to prepare.

Please ensure your daughter attends the PPEs unless her absence is unavoidable. For the public examinations, in the event that a student misses an exam, the exam board requires the parent to explain why and provide relevant evidence of the absence. In the experience of the school, the most likely response for missing an exam is that the student will receive zero for that paper, which would affect the overall grade. Please be advised that there are no catch-up sessions planned for any missed exams for these PPEs.

Once the students have completed their PPEs, we will be able to use the information to help diagnose your daughter's areas for development and support her in making further improvements. Over the years, these PPEs have helped us to prepare students to exceed their targets in their GCSEs.

On the day of the PPEs, it is important that all students are on time for their examinations. All students should be lined up in their tutor groups and ready to enter the Curie gym by 8:40am for morning examinations and 1:30pm for afternoon examinations. Please note that if your daughter's afternoon exam finishes before 3:00pm she will return to her normal lessons. However, if her exam finishes after 3:00pm but before our 3:10pm finish time, she will be dismissed from school.

Please ensure your daughter has all of the necessary equipment with her each day for her examinations. Please go through the attached *Code of Conduct in Examinations* with your daughter and make sure she knows what she needs to bring with her.

If you have any queries or concerns about these examinations, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to speak with you. We look forward to sharing positive results from these PPEs with you soon.

Yours sincerely

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Ms Lort - Examination officer