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PPE and GCSE Revision Support

Dear students, parents and carers,

I am writing to you to congratulate Year 11 students for the successful completion of the Pre Public Examinations (PPE) earlier this academic. The PPE's are an important milestone on the journey to successfully completing GCSE and Level 2 Vocational qualifications. As students have now completed a full set of PPEs, they have an update on their attainment and progress for each qualification they are studying. Following on from the feedback they have received from their subject teachers and from our recent Consultation Evening, students will have a clear indication to their current strengths and areas to improve in each qualification. This will help them to focus their revision in preparation for the second set of PPEs and beyond.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all students, parents and carers of the wealth of GCSE and Level 2 Vocational qualification revision and support materials that are available via MS Teams. All Year 11 students are members of the team titled 'Y11 GCSE Support'; in the 'files' section you will find a folder for each subject area containing a range of revision materials and activities. The Department Leaders and teaching staff have included 10 steps to revision, which provide an excellent starting point for independent revision in every subject area. In addition to this, you will find advice on managing stress and anxiety about revision and examinations, as well as a reminder of the strategies shared by the MADE Revision in the student and parent workshops in September. If your child is having trouble accessing the Y11 GCSE Support MS Team, please contact a member of the pastoral team via year11admin@helsbyhigh.org

I would also like to take this opportunity to share with you the timetable for our second set of PPEs for Year 11. These assessments will take place from Tuesday 30th January until Friday 16th February. Some of these assessments will take place in students' timetabled lessons, however those shaded grey in the attached timetable will be conducted in our formal examination venues. This reduces the impact on curriculum time used for PPEs whilst still affording students the opportunity to be assessed holistically, as well as develop their exam preparation skills and resilience. You will also find attached the Supporting Information Booklet providing further detail regarding what content is being assessed during this assessment period.

We will issue parents/carers an updated Student Progress Report w/c 11th March ahead of our Consultation Evening on 21st March. Further details regarding this event will follow in due course. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best Wishes

Mr M Lawless
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