



Ref: MC/RJW

20<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: IGCSE English and Year 11 Pre- Public Examinations (PPEs)**

As you are already aware as your son/daughter is part of English sets 3 or 4, they will be sitting their actual IGCSE English examination on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Over the last few weeks pupils have been rigorously preparing in lessons and in extra sessions after school on Mondays and Thursdays. During the build up to this date, pupils need to be heavily focusing their time and effort into preparing for this GCSE examination.

With two weeks to go until the IGCSE in English, it is vital that all pupils should be preparing thoroughly, not only in the evenings but during the October holidays and weekends. Our recommendation is that pupils should be investing at least 2 hours of revision each evening and additional time at the weekend. Pupils will have specific work/tasks to complete over the October half term holidays in preparation for the exam. We also ask for your support in limiting distractions that could interfere with the quality and quantity of revision such as mobile phones, TV, Playstations etc. All of these can have a detrimental influence and cause unnecessary distractions in preparing for examinations. I wish your son/daughter all the best and look forward to hearing about their success once the GCSE results have been announced in January.

After the 4<sup>th</sup> of November, your son/daughter's attention and efforts then needs to shift towards preparing for two Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) in Mathematics. These internal Pre-Public Examinations will provide excellent preparation for the external examinations later in the year. They will also give the pupils and their teacher valuable information about their current levels of performance, the pupils' strengths and those areas that they still need to develop in order for them to fulfil their potential in the summer. In addition, the results of the PPEs may be shared with external bodies such as exam boards and colleges. Therefore I wanted to ensure that you have clear information to support and help your son/daughter in preparing for these examinations.

The first PPEs in Mathematics are highlighted below:

<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>1.00pm to 3.00pm</b>	<b>Maths Paper 1</b>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>9.00am to 11.00am</b>	<b>Maths Paper 2</b>

As your son/daughter is sitting their actual IGCSE in English on November 4<sup>th</sup> 2015 they will be exempt from sitting the English Pre-Public Examination that other pupils in English sets 1,2 and 5 will be sitting in November.

I would also like to highlight below some key dates for other PPEs later in the school year:

**PPE Week (All subjects except Maths and English)      Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> February**

**2<sup>nd</sup> PPEs in English and Maths**

**Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> February**

I wish your child every success with their upcoming IGCSE in English and their Mathematics Pre-Public Examinations and we are grateful for your continuing support to help them achieve their potential. If you have any further enquires please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughter's Form Tutor who will be able to assist you.

Yours sincerely

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