3rd March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 10 – Core Subject Pre Public Examinations, 27th - 29th March 2017

Year 10 students are being entered for a number of GCSE examinations for the summer series this year as we try to provide them with opportunities for early success. A list of dates and papers is attached to this letter for your reference. Early entry for certain GCSE subjects has been a hugely successful strategy in previous years. This supports future study, enabling those who meet their target grades first time to focus on success in other qualifications next year if they secure some outcomes, such as GCSE Mathematics and Mathematics Numeracy, early.

To support students in their preparation for their core subject examinations we will be holding pre-public exams (PPEs) for all year 10 students from Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th March for Double Award Science, Double Award Applied Science or Separate Sciences, English Language and Mathematics Numeracy.

Deliberate practice under exam conditions provides your child with an authentic experience of the process they can expect later in the year. To replicate the external exams, there will be morning and afternoon sessions scheduled each day. For these three days students will have an earlier and slightly shorter lunch break to facilitate a 1pm start for the afternoon session. Students who are entitled to access arrangements such as additional time will be offered this where applicable.

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Detailed marking and analysis of PPE papers will give every student a clear indication of their current strengths and weaknesses. Teaching staff will use these to provide precise and personalised feedback to support your child’s progress in the lead up to the external examinations this summer.

Please encourage your child to prepare at home for their PPE exams during the next two weeks. Class teachers will be providing additional support during lessons and have been working towards these exams in class for much of this academic year.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child gets the very best out of this process.

Yours sincerely,

Sally Ganner
Assistant Head
Year 10 External GCSE Examinations - Summer Series 2017

- GCSE Welsh 2nd Language Paper 1 - Reading and Writing
  Tuesday 9th May (9am)

- GCSE Technology - Graphic Products Unit 1 only
  Tuesday 23rd May (9am)

- GCSE Technology - Product Design Unit 1 only
  Tuesday 23rd May (9am)

- GCSE Maths: Numeracy Unit 1 (no calculator)
  Thursday 25th May (9am)

- GCSE History Unit 1 only (Germany in Transition 1919-1947)
  Monday 5th June (9am)

- GCSE English Language Unit 2
  Tuesday 6th June (9am)

- GCSE Maths: Numeracy Unit 2 (calculator allowed)
  Thursday 8th June (9am)

- GCSE English Language Unit 3
  Monday 12th June (9am)

- GCSE Biology 1
- GCSE Double Award (Biology) Unit 1
- GCSE Double Award Applied Science Unit 1
  Wednesday 14th June (9am)

- GCSE Chemistry 1
- GCSE Double Award (Chemistry) Unit 2
- GCSE Double Award Applied Science Unit 2
  Friday 16th June (9am)

- GCSE Physics 1
- GCSE Double Award (Physics) Unit 3
  Monday 19th June (9am)