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October 2020

### **Achieve@SixthForm - Raising Standards Programme for Year 13**

Dear **Parents/Guardians**,

Over the previous 6 months, Year 13 students have faced significant challenges and disruption to their studies due to the prevailing Covid-19 epidemic. In light of everything they have faced this year, they have tackled this additional barrier to their learning with grit, resilience and determination. As a college, we have never been prouder of their dedication and commitment to achieving in their A levels and creating the best possible chances for themselves after their exams.

#### **Pre Public Exams (PPEs)**

The month of November marks an important milestone for all Year 13 pupils. On the week beginning the 16th November, Year 13 will sit their first of two Pre Public Examination periods (PPEs).

This first examination period will last one week. During this period all students will sit PPEs for all of their examined subjects. Enclosed is a copy of the full suite of exams, your son/daughter will receive their personalised timetable with seating numbers after the half term holiday.

As a school we recognise the many changes that the government has made in the last six months. The pandemic is far from over and we feel it prudent to point out how imperative it is that pupils treat the PPE examinations with the utmost seriousness. If the pandemic continues to disrupt education the government may make the decision to ask schools to issue Centre Assessed Grades as they did last summer. If this is the case, internal assessments will be used as evidence for any final grades that we might issue. Therefore, we ask that you ensure that your son/daughter use the half term to carry out some focused revision.

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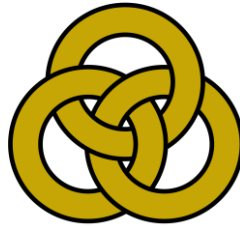
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### **Year 13 Parents Information Evening**

On **Wednesday 21st October** our Online Year 13 Parents Information Evening will go live on the Trinity website. Here you will find a welcome and overview of the Achieve programme led by Mr Smith and Miss Hartley and a range of subject videos. Each video will outline the content of the PPE, give more information on the course and provide helpful advice for preparation and revision. You can access our website at <https://trinity.npcat.org.uk/>

### **PPE Examination Timetable**

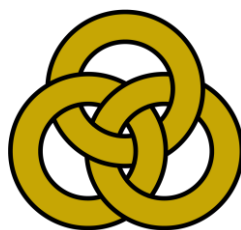
	<b>Friday 13th November</b>
Students to meet at St Mary's House at 8.20 a.m.	
1	<b><u>BLOCK B &amp; C Students</u></b> <b><u>Mathematics P1 (120 mins)</u></b>
2	<b><u>BLOCK A GCSE Resit Students</u></b> <b><u>Mathematics Paper 1 (90 mins)</u></b>

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	Monday 16th November	Tuesday 17th November	Wednesday 18th November	Thursday 19th November	Friday 20th November
Students to meet at St Mary's House at 8.20 a.m.					
1	<b><u>BLOCK A</u></b> <b><u>Engineering (135 mins)</u></b> <b><u>Geography (150 mins)</u></b> <b><u>H&amp;S Care - ALL (90 mins)</u></b> <b><u>Resit MATHs (90 mins)</u></b>	<b><u>BLOCK D</u></b> <b><u>Biology (135 mins)</u></b> <b><u>History (150 mins)</u></b> <b><u>Religious Studies (180 mins)</u></b>	<b><u>BLOCK E</u></b> <b><u>Business (120 mins)</u></b> <b><u>Chemistry (135 mins)</u></b> <b><u>H&amp;S Care - ALL (90 mins)</u></b> <b><u>Eng Lang (150 mins)</u></b> <b><u>Psychology (120 mins)</u></b>	<b><u>BLOCK B</u></b> <b><u>Eng Lang (150 mins)</u></b> <b><u>Mathematics P3 (120 mins)</u></b> <b><u>Sociology (120 mins)</u></b>	<b><u>BLOCK D</u></b> <b><u>History (150 mins)</u></b>
2					
Lunch - 11.30 - 11.55 (Examination start time 12.05) Students to meet at St Mary's House at 12.00 p.m.					
4	<b><u>BLOCK B</u></b> <b><u>Mathematics P2 (120 mins)</u></b> <b><u>Sociology (120 mins)</u></b>	<b><u>BLOCK C</u></b> <b><u>Eng Literature (75 mins)</u></b> <b><u>Mathematics P3 (120mins)</u></b>	<b><u>BLOCK A</u></b> <b><u>Geography (100 mins)</u></b> <b><u>Resit Maths (90 mins)</u></b>	<b><u>BLOCK C</u></b> <b><u>Eng Literature (135 mins)</u></b> <b><u>Mathematics P3 (120 mins)</u></b> <b><u>Physics (135 mins)</u></b>	<b><u>BLOCK E</u></b> <b><u>Psychology (120 mins)</u></b>
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### **Directed Study Programme & Period 6**

This half term your child and our teachers have worked incredibly hard to plan and prepare for the upcoming PPEs. We have retaught and recovered key content and skills delivered during the lockdown as well as teaching new content. As part of the **Achieve@SixthForm raising standards programme**, teachers have offered students the opportunity to receive focused support through a weekly period 6 session. In these sessions, students have been able to access one to one and small group support in order to prepare for PPE's and, ultimately, their A levels.

We also offer students the opportunity to engage with our Directed Study Programme which allows students to access timetabled sessions in which they can focus on their subjects. Students are set work by their subject teachers and are given a quiet space without distraction to allow for rapid progress. This will make a huge impact on the success of our Year 13 students and their performance in the November PPE period.

### **What next?**

After the PPE period there will be a period of reflection. Year 13 teachers will complete a detailed analysis of pupil performance and will use the information from this to plan suitable intervention to close gaps in core knowledge and skills in preparation for our next PPE examination period in February 2021.

You will remember in June we asked our students about their concerns and worries about returning to school in one to one sessions and their suggestions for making their Year 13 experience easier.

As much as we understand and appreciate this feedback, we believe that half term holidays are resting and recharging, especially in light of how challenging this half term has been for staff, students and parents. In place of "Holiday School" after October half term we will be running "Saturday School". This is an unique opportunity for students to work in small hand picked groups with subject specialists for a maximum of two hours on a particular Saturday morning.

Each subject will be allocated a particular Saturday morning in the run up to Christmas and will request students they would like to work with. This may be to focus on particular areas within a subject or to allow more time to complete coursework or to allow more time for preparation for the January BTEC examination series.

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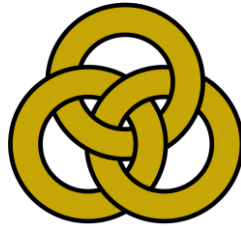
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These sessions will be invite only and will take place in the main school building. They will last a maximum of two hours. Once we have finalised a timetable we will share this with you.

As always, thank you for your continued support and dedication to your child's education. We wish to repeat that without doubt, your enthusiasm and encouragement of your children to engage with online learning, curriculum focus days and to attend Period 6 sessions has been one of the key drivers in the success of this half term.

If you would like to discuss any of the above please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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