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Dear Parents and Students

Important information about lessons and tutorials

1. Practice examinations are essential preparation for all students in readiness for final A Level examinations.
2. This year, practice examinations are even more important for year 13, because as we all know, year 13 have not had the usual end to their academic year. The practice examinations are crucial in helping to ensure that students are 'match fit' for the summer examinations.
3. In order that year 13 practice examinations can run safely and smoothly, from Monday 2 November to Friday 6 November learning for both year 13 and year 12 will be delivered remotely. This means year 12 will not be in College for this week and year 13 are only to attend College for the year 13 practice examinations.
4. Year 12 will benefit from time with teachers via Microsoft Teams and they will have reading and research tasks which will supplement their learning. Arrangements for each subject will be confirmed with year 12 students before the half term break. Year 13 will also be set work to supplement their learning during the examination week.
5. Those students in year 13 who may be self isolating, but who are not unwell will take the practice examinations via Microsoft Team and the arrangement will be confirmed with parents and students as appropriate.

Important update about year 12 tutorials

1. Settling into college is important and we believe that progress mentors play a key role in the early weeks for year 12 students.
2. Tutorials will continue with a keen focus on year 12 doing the right things and building resilience.
3. Tutorials for year 12 will move to a fortnightly timetable with effect from Monday 5 October. Each alternate week, students will be sent a video clip in lieu of the tutorial to ensure the continuity of important messages and themes for all year 12 students.
4. Progress mentors will continue to be accessible via email and they also have duty time scheduled into their timetable. This means that if a student needs to see their mentor they can ask for a 1:1 meeting.

5. Year 13 tutorials are focused on application to university for 2021 and will continue with weekly tutorial sessions. Support is also given for applications for higher level apprenticeships and careers with training.
6. Parents should keep in touch with their child's progress mentor if they are worried or would like to share positive news.

Many thanks for working with us.

Yours sincerely

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