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WCN/PSW
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Dear Parent/Carer

We are rapidly approaching the first formal in school examinations (Pre-Public Examinations or PPEs) for this academic year. By now, your son or daughter should have shared their examination timetable with you. They all have a copy and should have been revising. Examinations start on Monday 2 December. There will be no study leave for these exams – students should attend normal lessons if they are not in an exam.

The results of these exams are very important. They allow us to see how students are managing their workload and the demands of their post 16 courses. They also enable us to see if students are struggling, need support or are not putting in enough effort. We will be sharing the results of these examinations with you in their reports in January. These reports will also report on the level of effort, engagement and attendance of your son or daughter.

To clarify – students must attend **all** lessons **including** form times, every day. Form times are crucial for the pastoral well-being of students and are the main way in which essential information is shared with students about careers, university applications and information about school life, events and dates. Could I ask for your support in emphasising how important attendance is with your child please? Educational research consistently shows a clear link between academic success and attendance. If a student is unwell or has a medical appointment or cannot attend for any other reason, please can you contact the school via email or phone as you would when they were lower down the school. Alternatively, an appointment text or email can be forwarded to me by email (w.costin@kenstimpson.org.uk or your son/daughter's form tutor).

Finally, we have a cultural trip to London running on 19 December. This is in conjunction with the Geography department and you will have received an email regarding this. If your son/daughter would like to participate in this trip, please complete the consent form on Parent Pay by Friday 29 November.

Thank you for taking the time to read this rather long letter! Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

With best wishes,



Miss W Costin
Head of Post 16