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Dear Parent

Re: Year 11 Arrangements

As we approach the final eight (school) weeks before the external written GCSE examinations begin, I wanted to outline some key dates and important information which I hope will prove helpful.

Core PE Lessons / Mathematics

From this Thursday 29 February until Easter, single Core PE lessons are being devolved to additional Mathematics lessons to provide additional lesson time ahead of the Mathematics Pre-Public Examinations; this will ultimately benefit the Mathematics GCSE examinations this summer. Students already have Mathematics on their timetable on a week 1 Thursday, so they know to be suitably prepared.

As a result, there will be no Core PE lessons for the remainder of this half term as the double PE lessons on a week 2 Thursday will not take place due to the Mathematics and Science Pre-Public Examinations.

Pre-Public Examinations in Mathematics and Science

As you will be aware, Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations are taking place in Mathematics from Tuesday 5 March until Thursday 7 March 2024. Additionally, Science Pre-Public Examinations are taking place from Tuesday 19 March until Thursday 21 March 2024. Please follow this link and scroll down to view the timetable for each subject: <https://www.formbyhighschool.com/examinations/>

To avoid disruption to timetabled lessons, students will attend lessons as normal when not sitting an examination. During these Pre-Public Examination sessions, as students will be registered by the examinations team, they do not need to attend morning registration / assembly if they have a morning examination. On Tuesday 5 March and Wednesday 6 March 2024, students are permitted to go home after the afternoon Mathematics Pre-Public Examinations.

We would expect the usual high standards of behaviour during these Pre-Public Examination periods. Students must ensure they have a full set of equipment in a transparent pencil case. Students may bring a bottle of water into examinations, but this must be in a transparent bottle with the label removed. Please read the JCQ Information for Candidates found on the examinations page and ensure you and your child are familiar with requirements.

As a reminder, the arrival time for examinations is as follows:

- 9:15am for morning sessions
- 1:15pm for afternoon sessions

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The Exams Team have shared feedback from the January Pre-Public Examinations and have requested that your child is reminded of the importance of:

- Visiting the bathroom before the examinations
- Arriving on time (see timings above)
- Entering the foyer and Sports Hall (or other examination room) in silence.

I have shared these reminders in assembly and would be grateful if you could also discuss these at home with your child.

Revision / intervention sessions

Revision and study sessions are continuing in most subjects and will continue to take place up until the examination season starts (date below). A formal timetable will be shared as soon as possible. To complement this, as always, I continue to encourage students to follow a comprehensive revision timetable at home in order to prepare for the imminent summer examinations.

The Start of Examination Season

Your son / daughter has a copy of their personalised timetable. After Easter, this will be reissued with roomings and seat numbers. You will note that the first written examination takes place on 09.05.2024. From this date, until official study leave commences on 24.05.2024, students will experience taught lessons and external examinations. In due course, I will write separately to invite parents / carers to an online event outlining the arrangements.

Year 11 Celebrations

Please note that the Year 11 Leavers' Celebration assembly will take place on the morning of 21.06.2024. Year 11 Prom will take place on 27.06.2024 at Aintree Racecourse

Over the coming weeks, separate correspondence will be shared outlining the finer details of both events.

If you have any questions or comments about the information shared in this letter, please contact me at the school via telephone or email (k.macdougall@formbyhighschool.com). Please also visit the following page for regular updates: [Year 11 Making it Count – Formby High School](#)

Yours sincerely

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