

17<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

## Year 11 Exams

We have had an excellent start to the year 11 exams yesterday and today and are very impressed with how the students have managed themselves this year given all the disruption they have experienced over the last two years.

As a reminder, please continue to encourage your young people to attend all their exams, even if (as in any exam year) they feel slightly unwell. It is not at all unusual for students to have coughs and colds or hayfever during exams, and it is very important that they attend unless they are extremely unwell and unable to do so.

Since the ending of Covid-19 restrictions, there is no free testing for students with Covid-19 symptoms. We appreciate that there may be students who are in households where people may have Covid. Students in these circumstances may choose to wear a facemask and let us know so that we can discreetly seat them away from other candidates where possible. If a student has a very high temperature, feels unwell and suspects they may have Covid, the advice is to self-isolate for 3 days or until the high temperature has reduced, and provide an ill-health self-certification form for the exam board. In these circumstances, the school will apply for 'special consideration' for the exam paper missed.

If you have any concerns about ill- health during the exam period for your child, please contact Mr Newnham-Reeve directly on the morning of the exam or sooner if possible.

We feel confident that the students will have as positive an experience of the exams as possible given the excellent start they have made. We are very proud of them!

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Pringle Head Teacher

