



MOULSHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Specialising in English and Humanities

Executive Headteacher – **Mr. M Farmer**

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30th October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 11 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS

The Year 11 Preliminary Examinations are now only three weeks away. Written papers will be taken in the weeks beginning 20th and 27th November while practical exams in art, art/craft/design and photography will take place from 4th to 8th December 2018.

These examinations are clearly of the utmost importance and we would ask for your support in ensuring that your son/daughter takes them seriously. They represent an opportunity for your son/daughter to sit full GCSE papers in a formal exam setting and to become familiar with the demands working under such pressure brings. The examinations will inform both staff and students which topics and skills need further work in the Spring Term, thereby ensuring that lesson time is used effectively.

As has been the school's practice in recent years, students will receive their results at a special results afternoon on Monday, 8th January 2018. This will mirror the experience students will have when their actual GCSE results are published in August 2018, and will provide them with an opportunity to reflect on what has gone well and what needs to be improved in the weeks ahead.

It is also established school practice to ask any student who achieves a preliminary exam result of two grades or more below their target grade to resit that subject. The resit will initially be organised by the faculty concerned but, if the result of this does not show any improvement, the student will be asked to attend a further Senior Leadership Team resit one evening after school.

Finally, it would be particularly helpful if you could encourage your son/daughter to prepare for his/her examinations at home; simply attending lessons and, possibly, some revision sessions, will not be enough. We would also appreciate your support in reinforcing the code of conduct required in an examination setting, including leaving mobile phones outside the exam venue, no contact with other students, not even catching someone's eye, and treating the invigilators with the same respect that should be shown to any other member of staff.

Many thanks.

Yours faithfully

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Head of School

Mr Muttock
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Year 11