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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Re: Revision and Pre Public Exams (PPE)**

All Year 12 students will be sitting two sets of Pre Public Exams this academic year. The first takes place between January 17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. The second set of exams will be between June 20-27<sup>th</sup>. Timetables for these will be released nearer to the time. Please note that there are no PPE exams in January for the subjects taught at Emmbrook. There will be PPEs for these subjects in June which the students will sit at Emmbrook.

These exams are extremely important as they help us to assess the students' progress over the first year of their A Level course and help us to ascertain UCAS predicted grades. These grades will be needed by your sons/daughters for their UCAS/apprenticeship/employment applications in the first term of Year 13. Please see attached the guidance on UCAS predicted grades. Please encourage your son/daughter to take these exams seriously, as they could be a deciding factor in their future studies.

It is crucially important that students prepare well for these exams and we will ensure that they are doing so in lessons. We appreciate your support in also ensuring that students are working at home. They should be doing revision every evening and for a period of time at weekends as well as completing any home learning set by teachers. We would recommend students devising a revision timetable to ensure that they are preparing for all subjects in equal measures.

We shall be talking to the students on how to revise and prepare for the exams, as will their tutors and of course their class teachers. As you may remember, I presented the 'revision grid' at the Year 12 Information Evening and the students have had this presented to them multiple times now; on the September Induction day and in their PSHE sessions. The revision grid is attached. You will see from the grid that there are three stages to good A Level revision. The first stage is familiar to most students from GCSE but it is crucial that the students work their way through the other two stages if they are to fulfil their potential at A level.

Please find a link to our 'Revision & Study Skills Booklet' here <https://froglearn.holt.wokingham.sch.uk/app/os#>, once on this page you will need to navigate to 'Year Groups' then 'Sixth Form' and finally 'Revision & Study Skills'. This is a large but easy to use document that takes the students through a number of tried and tested study and revision strategies. We do hope you are able to review this together to help support your son/daughter in making the most of their revision and preparation for their PPEs.

The normal Y12 lesson timetable will be suspended from Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January inclusive for A Level subjects. Students need only attend school if they have an exam. However, students must still attend their Emmbrook lessons during The Holt PPE week. If an exam clashes with an Emmbrook lesson students are to see Mrs Gale in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form office, who will reschedule the exam. Please note that students are to adhere to the dress code during PPEs.

If you have any questions regarding the exams, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Bellis, Head of Sixth Form Pastoral.

Yours sincerely,  
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Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form, Teaching & Learning