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Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers,

Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations: Access Arrangements

The purpose of this letter is to inform you and your daughter that Access Arrangements for the GCSE and BTEC written examinations due to be taken next Summer are operating during the Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) running from 17th November – 1st December 2025. These arrangements are the reasonable adjustments that can be made for examination candidates to support their demonstration of learning in assessment contexts. Each student is individually assessed, so that the provision of Access Arrangements can be tailored to their particular needs.

Last term, you were informed by Mrs. McCauley, the school's SENDCO (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator) that your daughter had been assessed formally for Access Arrangements and would be supported in examinations through the use of these special arrangements.

The Year 11 PPEs are an important opportunity for students to practise using their Access Arrangements, so that they know how to take full advantage of this additional support. If your daughter has been allocated extra time in examinations, then she will be **expected to use the full length of her extra time when completing the Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations**. It is very important for students to practise using their extra time, even when it means finishing exam papers at different times to other students. We ask parents and carers to discuss this arrangement and to advise their daughter to follow the guidance of the exam invigilators, who will remind students of the special timing for their exams.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Examination Officers should you have further queries regarding the Pre-Public Examinations (Ext: 3143).

Mrs. McCauley has since left the school and Mrs. W. Freeman is the school SENDCO, working alongside our second SENDCO, Mr. A. Padial-Romero. They will be pleased to address any queries about the Access Arrangements that have been allocated to your daughter.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Headteacher

