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Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers,

## YEAR 11 PRE-PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS – EXAMINATION ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

The purpose of this letter is to reassure you and your daughter that her examination access arrangements for the GCSE and BTEC examinations due to be taken next Summer will operate during the Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs). These arrangements are the reasonable adjustments that can be made for examination candidates to support their demonstration of learning in assessment contexts. The Year 11 PPEs are an important opportunity for the practice of access arrangements, so that students, their teachers and their parents can ensure that examination work takes full advantage of the additional support that is available.

You will be aware that the school day is running to an adjusted timetable this year, so the timings of your daughter's Year 11 PPEs will also be adjusted to ensure that her access arrangements run smoothly. She may be sitting her examinations in a different room and the timing of her morning and lunchtime breaks may also be altered. Students who are due to receive extra time as an access arrangement will go home directly after their examinations finish in Session 2 and will not attend Session 3. This is because the extended length of their examinations finishes after the normal lunch break ends. I would strongly recommend that these students bring in an extra snack to take during their morning break.

Your daughter will receive a personalised Year 11 PPE timetable from the Examinations team in the next few weeks, which will also be emailed to parents and carers and will make these timings clear. Please do not hesitate to contact our Examination Officers, Mrs K Alldis and Miss J O'Connor, should you have further queries regarding the application of access arrangements during the Pre-Public Examinations. Any queries about the actual access arrangements should be addressed to Ms S Cascarino (Deputy Headteacher / SENCO).

Yours sincerely,

Miss F Minnis  
Deputy Headteacher

