

Dear parents, carers and Year 11 and 13 students,

And so it goes on...and yet, amidst the sea of uncertainty, landscape of disappointment and sadness, there is "light" which is seen daily by the wonderful interactions our students are having online with one another and their teachers. The quality of work continues to stun and impress and we are beyond grateful to the support teams at home, who are tirelessly helping our students navigate their way through this.

### **Exams Update:**

Sadly, we remain in limbo in relation to the way examination grades are to be awarded to students in Years 11 and 13. I can, however, reiterate our plans that PPE exams/mocks (as well as the Year 13 assessment hours) will continue as planned and that contingency plans are underway should we need to do these remotely. We know that lots of students are keen to formally demonstrate the progress that they have made since their first set of PPEs and we see this as an opportunity for students to be able to do that.

As a reminder: Year 11 PPE 2 are planned to begin on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Year 13 PPEs are to begin on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

We will of course share with you the full range of assessment materials the school will be using for submission to examination boards, once we know the criteria that is to be used.

### **Review of Remote Learning**

As part of our on-going review of Remote Learning we have been considering the timing of the school day and the lack of "screen breaks" for students and staff. In light of this, a revised timetable will be shared with you on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February and the new timetable will be implemented after half term. We hope that this revision enables our students to take regular screen breaks, manage their work effectively and find time to stand up and take a daily walk!

### ***And finally...***

Next week is national Mental Health Awareness week and as I stressed in my letter home last week, we really do encourage all our families and students to reach out for support in what we know is a really tough time. Some additional resources are below –

Activities for [families](#)

Social Media safety [advice and resources](#)

As always, thank you for your on-going support,

Yours sincerely,

Miriam Oakley