



22 May 2015

RE: YEAR 10 EXAMINATIONS

Dear Parents,

As I am sure you are aware, the Year 10 end of year exams start on Tuesday 26 May with an Art exam and continuing from Wednesday with all other subjects. Your son or daughter has been given a personalized exam timetable and it would be beneficial if you discuss with them their preparations for these exams.

End of year exams are important to our students for a number of reasons, not simply because they are excellent preparation for their GCSE exams which they will take next summer but also because some students will leave us at the end of Year 11 and this will often be the only summative data schools request from us if the application needs to be submitted before January.

The exams will be taken in the sports hall to replicate the GCSE exams. We will run three exam sessions per day with compulsory revision time for students who are not in exams during certain sessions. Attendance every day is compulsory; students are not permitted to have study leave during this exam period. The exams will finish for most on Tuesday 2 June but some will still have exams on Wednesday 3 June in the morning. From 11:00am on Wednesday 3 June we will be taking part in a 2 ½ day business project to prepare the students for their work experience. Students will be broken into teams and given the task of designing or redesigning a product for the teenage market. They will be expected to produce adverts and undertake market research before completing the project with a sales pitch, "Dragons Den" Style. Prizes will be awarded on Friday afternoon for a number of different categories.

From Wednesday until Friday students are expected to be in school in business wear. This means shoes, trousers, shirt and a tie for the young men and either trousers and a blouse or a skirt and a blouse for the young women. It is important students wear this as it will give us an understanding that each student appreciates what they need to wear for their work experience.

If you have any questions about this project please feel free to contact me at p-kelly@bisspuxi.com, I will be happy to discuss it with you.

Kind regards,

Paul Kelly