



JMH/MEL

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Dear Parent/ Carer

### **Year 11 Update**

I want to congratulate our Year 11 students on their attitude during the recent pre-public examinations (PPEs). We were exceptionally proud of the way in which they conducted themselves in the run up to and during the exam period. By now, you should have received your child's PPE results and they should know what they need to work on to continue to make further progress by the time their final exams come around in the summer.

As we near the end of the first term of Year 11, it is important to reflect on what has worked well but also what we can do differently to ensure that our students are able to achieve their full potential in the summer exams. For this reason, I am writing to you make you aware of some important changes that will be taking effect from January 2025.

### **Changes to Teaching Groups**

The recent PPEs have provided us with valuable and accurate up-to date information on the progress that your child has made so far in Year 11. To allow us to make sure that your child continues to be supported, we have used the PPE data to make some changes to teaching groups. Any changes that have been made are in the best interests of each child to ensure that they are given the appropriate level of support, challenge and pace in lessons. Please make sure that your child is aware that they may well be in a different group with a different teacher for their core subjects when they return after Christmas. Please prepare them for this possibility and remind them that any change we make is done with the students' best interests at the centre of our decision making.

### **Changes to Period Zero**

Period Zero has been extremely successful since September with students having an additional 20 minutes of English or Maths each day. Based on the recent PPE results, we have made some key changes to period zero groups which will take effect from January; some students who were having maths have now moved to English and vice versa. Some students will remain with the same subject area but change groups and tutor. This allows us to make sure that students are receiving the appropriate tailored support to enable them to continue to make progress. These sessions are incredibly important and will target specific areas of weakness identified from the recent PPEs. A reminder that it is incredibly important that your child is on their zone on time in the mornings (by 8.30) so that Period Zero can begin promptly at 8.40.



## Changes to the School Day

Now that we have completed our analysis of the recent PPE data, we are in a position to identify students who require further support in subject areas. From January, we will be putting on compulsory Period Six intervention sessions for students who need further support with their learning, allowing us to work with students in smaller group settings to support them with any gaps in their learning. Details will be sent to parents and students in the new year with details of the Period Six sessions that they are expected to attend. We appreciate your support with ensuring your child attends these important, compulsory sessions.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
Maths	Geography	English	Science History

## OCR External Examinations

Students studying OCR qualifications (Engineering, iMedia and Sport) will be sitting their external examinations on return in January. To support students with these examinations there will be booster sessions prior to the exams.

- Wednesday 8 January PM - iMedia Exam
- Thursday 9 January AM - Sport Exam
- Friday 10 January PM - Engineering Exam

Please encourage your child to revise for these examinations to enable them to achieve their potential.

Thank you for all of your support this term; we look forward to continuing to work together over the remainder of your child's time here at The Hart School.

Yours faithfully

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