



10th January 2022

Dear Year 11 & Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful break. Welcome back to school and 2022. I'm pleased to report that students made a great start to their learning last week and we are looking forward to a term of focussed learning & revision in preparation for the mocks immediately after half term. All interventions start this week so there are extra learning opportunities for everyone.

As mentioned in the last update, it is currently full steam ahead for exams, so it's essential that students are equipped with the revision tools they need to be successful. Please remember that there is a **PRS Revision website** on PRSbucks.com which holds a wealth of information - how to revise, how to deal with the pressures of exams and how our brains work and store the information we need.

We have Year 11 Progress Evening on **Thursday this week (online between 4-7pm)**. This is an opportunity for students, parents/carers and staff to reflect on the recent Progress Reports, the mocks, the work since September and to provide guidance for the months ahead.

Also this week, we will be starting our next round of **Information & Guidance interviews** for Year 11 to ensure that everyone has a plan for their next steps in September. A reminder too, that the deadline for applications to Sixth Form is 1st February. Form tutors are writing references for all their tutees this term. These are then collated centrally so that any requests for references this year and in the future can be sent out regardless of whether the member of staff is still at PRS. A reminder that the website **Xello** is available via PRSbucks.com to support students in their decisions and to provide useful and up to date information.

The **Progress Reports** (AP1) sent out at the end of last term showed that in general, students had made good progress against their predicted grades from July 2021; we saw an increase in the progress measures we use internally. Girls appeared to be making more progress than boys (come on boys!!) last term, and those students with higher levels of attendance (typically more than 95%) are predicted by staff to gain up to half a grade higher across all subjects (clearly Covid got in the way for some of you last term, but there is every reason to believe that you can catch up this term).

As a Year 11 team we would like to thank **Mr McFerran** for his work with Year 11 last term and wish him well in his new role as Head of Year 9. He will still be around to make sure that as a Year Team we are 'Simply the Best' and although his allegiance will clearly be divided, we know in his heart, he's Year 11!

Outside the classroom, we are pleased to announce the launch of a **World Challenge Trip for Summer 2023**. This is a truly exciting opportunity for students (you will be in Year 12 by then!) and this week Mr Foshaw sent out a Loom video explaining this to the form groups. If you missed it, it will be posted on the Google Classroom this week.

Finally, the best of luck to any of the BTEC students who are sitting external BTEC exams this month!

Some key dates looking ahead:

Monday 10th January Information & Guidance interviews start for Year 11

Thursday 13th January Year 11 Progress Evening (online) 4-7pm

Friday 21st January AM English Literature paper 1 assessment (Jekyll & Hyde and An Inspector Calls)

Yours faithfully,

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