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Dear parents/carers,

RE: Year 13 Pre Public Examinations

As we start the second half of the autumn term, the Pre Public Examination preparations begin for all year 13 students. This exam season gives the students a realistic experience of what summer external exams will be like. It will provide students with the opportunity to develop their practice for their final exams. The exams start on the 6th November 2023 and will last for two weeks for the majority of students. We will follow all the normal rules and regulations that apply in the official examinations. Please refer to the examination handbook available on the website. <https://www.barnhill.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Exam+Handbook&pid=72>

Year 13 exams will take place in the main examination hall. This experience will expose students to the process and regulations they will undergo in the summer and will help them to familiarise themselves with what to expect in the final A'level/CamTECH exams. The majority of the exams will take place in the morning or the afternoon, which means that some exams will finish after our normal end of school time. The full timetable is overleaf. We would greatly appreciate it, if parents could make the necessary arrangements for students to get home.

The results from these exams will be used by teachers to make appropriate curriculum adaptations and help plan for the remainder of the academic year. Additionally, these results, in conjunction with in class assessments, will be used to predict grades for university, employment or apprenticeships. Therefore, it is imperative our year 13 students understand how important these exams are and work hard to achieve their absolute best. Results from exams will be uploaded onto Go 4 Schools for students and parents to access and reflect. We will notify you when you can access the results.

I am sure you will agree that parents play a crucial role in their child's education and we would encourage our parents to support our students to prepare for these exams. A revision schedule is always useful, as is a quiet and tidy area for them to do their revision. Most research suggests that when parents actively discuss the learning with their children and engage in their education, then the outcomes and progress for students is far better than expected, often exceeding expectations.

We wish all our year 13 students good luck in their exams and we thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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