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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Sixth Form Christmas Holiday Exam Revision and Coursework Completion - Year 12 Information

Your son/daughter returns to school after the Christmas holidays on Monday 6 January. The pre-public school examinations (PPEs) will commence on Thursday 9 January. There will be no independent study or registration during this time. All sixth form students will need to sign in and out on the registers situated outside Mrs Kelly's office.

Year 12 A level students have PPEs but must attend scheduled lessons during this period, should their subject teachers arrange them.

Year 12 BTEC Business students have public exams during this time and must attend all lessons leading up to their examinations. It is crucial that they pass these units and so must prepare thoroughly in advance.

Year 12 BTEC Uniform Public Services and Health and Social Care students have lessons as normal over the two weeks and will need to complete assignments.

We would be extremely grateful if you could urge your son/daughter to organise their revision time; they have been given an exam timetable and a revision booklet to help them achieve this. They should practise examination style questions so that they are able to realise their target grades and get the most out of these PPEs/ public exams. The results from these exams will inform our decisions regarding home study and personalised intervention. There is a Year 12 Parents Evening on Monday 3 February to discuss any concerns.

I am sure you are aware this can be a highly stressful time for Post 16 students here at Shirley High Sixth Form so, as well as a time to revise, please encourage your son/daughter to get plenty of sleep. It is important that they return from the Christmas break refreshed and ready to start this most important stage in their academic career.

Finally, we hope the PPEs and the BTEC exams give students the necessary confidence needed for them to be successful in the summer and wish them well with their revision over the holiday period.

Yours sincerely

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