



17 January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

### **Re: Information about the Entry level Tests and Contingency Days**

We plan to hold Entry Level Tests for Year 11s in the next two week, before the February half-term break. These are intended to provide an educational base for your son / daughter, before they sit GCSEs in the summer.

The test papers are sent away to be marked by specialist examiners and results will be released at the same time as GCSE results in August 2024.

An Entry Level as a qualification is below GCSE level but the Entry Tests will give much needed practice as to how to complete question papers in an allocated amount of time as well as getting the feel for how an exam room is set up.

The plan for Entry Level Tests to take place is to use Periods 1 & 2 of each day for the tests, the dates of the tests are below:

- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January                      English
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January                  Maths
- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January                  Science

**Please note that we do have several Year 11s who are poor attenders, and this may affect their opportunities to be entered for their GCSE exams in the summer of 2024. Entries for GCSEs are made in mid-February.**

I also need to inform you about Contingency Days which are days designated by the Joint Council of Qualifications (JCQ) in case of national emergency which could affect GCSE exams, and therefore are to be used in case an exam is cancelled nationwide and then timetabled to be run on a contingency day.

The days for Summer 2024 are:

- Thursday 6 June 2024 (Afternoon)
- Thursday 13 June 2024 (Afternoon)
- Wednesday 26 June 2024 (All day)



Please note your son / daughter is required to be available on the above dates so do not book holidays until after Wednesday 26 June 2024.

Please do encourage your son / daughter to attend school and to take part in the Entry Level tests.

Any questions, please contact us in the usual ways.

Yours faithfully,

Phillip Hannah