



12th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Public Examination Dates - Advanced Notice

Parents of students in the current Year 10 will be aware that girls will sit two of their GCSE examinations this year. These are:

- **NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Health & Fitness**
- **GCSE Religious Education**

I write to advise of the dates of these important examinations.

NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Health & Fitness (Unit 03. Preparing and planning for health and fitness) will be examined on **Monday 12th March at 1.30pm**. It is a 2-hour paper.

GCSE Religious Education will be examined on **Monday 14th and Wednesday 16th May**.

Monday 14th - Paper 1. The study of religions: beliefs, teachings and practices

Monday 16th - Paper 2. Thematic Studies

Both papers will last 1h 45 mins.

For Further information on the content of the Health and Fitness papers, see pages 44/45 of <https://www.ncfe.org.uk/media/833102/12-health-and-fitness-601-4534-1-qual-spec-issue-8.pdf>

For further information on the content of the RE papers:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062/subject-content>

These are important examinations. Taking some qualifications early, in Year 10, allows the girls an early experience of the public examination process. It also allows us to spread the load/pressure that our girls inevitably feel at exam time.

It also gives them the opportunity to focus efforts on these two examinations in isolation and to bank some outstanding results early. With two good results behind them, this tends to boost confidence as girls progress into Year 11 and the bulk of their GCSE examinations.

Your support in ensuring that your daughters prepare for these exams as thoroughly as they can is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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