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Dear Parent/Carer

As you know Year 11 are starting their prelim examinations on Monday 9th November. Due to their examinations they will not be able to take part in practical PE lessons and therefore, all students need to be wearing their full Dorcan uniform. The only exception to this is on **Friday 20th November** - when students who have PE on that day should **bring** their PE kit with them, as it **will** be possible for them to use the leisure centre changing rooms. Thank you for your support in ensuring our high standards of uniform are maintained.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Year 11 every success in their prelim examinations but also to reassure them not to worry – prelims are an opportunity for us to assess the gaps in learning so that they are closed in time for the real exams! That said, it is important for students to take these exams seriously and to aim to do their very best, by revising; not only because of what happened last year with the cancellation of exams, but because teachers can be much more effective in closing the gaps when they know what the actual gaps are (i.e. the things they don't understand), rather than just what students have forgotten.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Bareham
Headteacher