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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Assessment Opportunities/ Prelim Results**

A brief prelim report has been uploaded to ParentPortal. This report provides you with important feedback from your child's class teachers on their recent assessment opportunities.

The prelim report lists the subjects entered and a result obtained by percentage for each one, where 50% or above would represent a pass mark. However, in some subjects the prelim may represent a component mark of the overall course and will not necessarily be out of 100%. Where this situation applies the subjects are listed below:

Subjects where the prelim is not out of 100% are the following:

- English
- French, Spanish
- PE
- HFT
- Practical Cookery
- N5 & Higher Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Admin and IT, Computing, Business
- N5 Practical Woodworking & N5 Practical Metalworking Skills
- N5 & Higher Design & Manufacture & Graphic Communication
- Advanced Higher Graphic Communication
- Higher Applications of Maths
- Music, Drama
- AH Modern Studies
- Art and Design

A full report about performance in individual subjects will be issued to you in March where there will be a fuller analysis of the prelim result by individual subject teachers. This report will also provide individual comments about your child's strengths and next steps in their learning in preparation for their SQA exams.

### **Senior Phase (S4/5/6) Targeted Parents' Evening – Wednesday 23 February 5pm-7pm**

To assist pupils who have been identified as most likely to underachieve in their SQA exams from our tracking and monitoring procedures, there will be two additional intervention approaches undertaken over and above the support of their class teachers:

- Principal teachers, and subject teachers, have been asked to identify pupils that would benefit from an invitation being extended to parents, to attend a special targeted parents evening to be held on Wednesday 23 February 5pm-7pm.
- Pupils identified at risk of failing will be personally interviewed by year heads in late February, to have a conversation about their prelim results and performance and, to give an appropriate balance of challenge and support.

Parents and carers of pupils who are at risk of underachieving will receive an appointment request with instructions on how to book a time slot at <https://pkcstjohns.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. If you are not offered an appointment but would like to attend, then please contact your child's guidance teacher.

Please take this opportunity to remind your child of the value of study support and the opportunities available at our school. There is strong evidence to indicate that pupils who regularly attend study support improve their overall examination performance. Department Study Support opportunities can be found on our website. We also offer a Monday supported Homework Club, 3.40pm-4.30pm. Further information regarding our Easter School Exam Preparation Support classes will follow.

We hope this prelim report is useful to you. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. In the first instance, this should be with your child's guidance teacher.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Hynes', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr J Hynes  
Depute Headteacher