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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Year 11 Pre- Public Examinations (PPEs)**

I am writing to inform you that as your son/daughter will be sitting Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) in the subjects they study from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November till Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021. A copy of the PPE timetable for these weeks is attached.

These Pre-Public Examinations will provide excellent preparation for the external examinations later in the school year. They will also give the pupils and their teachers valuable information about their current levels of performance, the pupils' strengths and those areas that they still need to develop in order for them to fulfil their potential in the summer. In addition, the results of the PPEs may be shared with external bodies such as exam boards and colleges. Therefore, I wanted to ensure that you have clear information to support and help your son/daughter in preparing for these examinations.

The school is open as usual and pupils are expected to arrive and attend school as they normally would in full complete uniform. When they are not in a Pre-Public Examination they will revert to their normal day to day timetable.

All pupils will be issued with a personalised PPE Timetable indicating the time, duration and location of their examinations. Once pupils have received their timetable they will receive revision guidance for each subject from their subject teachers which will tell them how and what they should revise in preparation. There are a number of excellent online resources pupils can access to supplement their revision, notably BBC Bite-size and My Maths. In addition, Form Tutors will also be supporting pupils by assisting them in preparing a revision timetable.

Pupils need to treat the PPEs very seriously. They should approach their PPEs with the same level of determination as their external GCSE/BTEC examinations later in the school year. If

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they have not already started, it is time they started revising now. With five weeks to go until the start of the first PPE week it is vital that all pupils should be preparing thoroughly, not only in the evenings but during the October holidays and weekends. Our recommendation is that pupils should be investing at least 2 hours of revision each evening and additional time at the weekend. We also ask for your support in limiting distractions that could interfere with the quality and quantity of revision such as mobile phones, TV, PlayStation etc. All of these can have a detrimental influence and cause unnecessary distractions in preparing for examinations.

If pupils are absent for any of the PPEs, they will be expected to complete any missed examinations when they return to school.

I would also like to highlight below some key dates for other PPEs later in the school year:

PPE Week 1 commences Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February

PPE Week 2 commences 28<sup>th</sup> February

I wish your child every success with their Pre-Public Examinations and we are grateful for your continuing support to help them achieve their potential. If you have any further enquires please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughter's Form Tutor who will be able to assist you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Jones  
Assistant Headteacher

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