



Ref: MC/RJW

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 11 and 10 Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs)

I am writing to remind you that as your son/daughter will be sitting external GCSE/BTEC examinations during this school year, they will also be required to sit Pre Public Examinations in the subjects they study. For Year 11 pupils this means all subjects excluding Performing Arts and Health and Social Care. The PPEs in English and Maths for Year 11 pupils will take place in the second week after the February half term holidays following a week of intensive preparation when the timetable will be collapsed to focus on English and Mathematics. If your son/daughter is in Year 10 then there will be PPEs only for Triple Science or Double Science.

These Pre Public Examinations will provide excellent preparation for the external examinations later in the 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 PPEs will occur: **Week Commencing 8th February**

Year 11 (all subjects except English, Maths, Performing Arts and Health and Social)
Year 10 Triple or Double Science

Week Commencing 29th February

Year 11 English Literature and Maths

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. Enclosed with this letter you will find a personalised PPE timetable indicating the time, duration and location of their examinations. 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 year. If they have not already started, it is time they started revising now. With just over two weeks to go until the start of the PPE week it is vital that all pupils should be preparing thoroughly. 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, Playstations etc. All of these can have a detrimental influence and cause unnecessary distractions in preparing for examinations.

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,

Michael Connelly
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