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Dear Year 9 Parents and Carers

### Preparing for Year 9 PPEs, taking place from 9 to 13 December

We are pleased to inform you of our Year 9 Pre-Public Examination assessments (PPEs) which will be taking place during the week of 9 December. Throughout the year, pupils sit multiple choice quizzes in each subject they study. This happens every five or six weeks and is designed to ensure that any gaps in your child's knowledge are addressed and filled by re-teaching or setting appropriate homework tasks. Through regularly testing your child we can ensure that they ***know more, can do more, and remember more.***

The December assessments are summative assessments which take place twice a year. This is a larger assessment, testing all the content which pupils have covered since both the start of this academic year and previous years. These assessments are set centrally by the Creative Education Trust and allow us to gain a picture of your child's attainment against students from all CET secondary schools.

The grade your child achieves will be an age-related grade which will suggest where they have placed within the entire Trust and relates to how well they could achieve in their GCSE exams if they continue to progress at the same rate as they are currently. They will be scored in the same way as GCSE exams ranging from 1-9. These exams will take place during classroom lessons under exam conditions, and pupils will be briefed on what this will entail during their assemblies.

Our Faculty directors have created a suite of **preparation sheets** for you and your child to use to study in advance of the exams. These can be found on the school website in the [Pupils](#) area and have been designed with the content of the exams in mind. Everything your child will need to revise to be successful in their PPE assessments can be found here: [Making the Grade: Preparing for Year 9 PPEs](#) (Year 9 PPE booklet)

To use the information effectively, we would encourage your child to use some key revision strategies. The best revision is done 'actively'. This means your child must work to find the answer. Activities such as using flashcards, creating and practicing questions with answers, along with you quizzing them, will be effective 'active' strategies. We would also encourage the use of SENECA, which classroom teachers will direct your child to use. Some supportive activities can be found in the PPE booklet above.

If you have any questions or queries about the Pre-Public Examination assessments, revision strategies or the preparation sheets, please contact [enquiries@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk).

Yours Sincerely,

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