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Wednesday 6th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations & Parents' Evening

I write to inform you about the upcoming pre-public examinations (PPEs) that all pupils in year 11 will be sitting in November and the Year 11 parents' evening. Firstly, all year 11 pupils will be sitting their first set of pre-public examinations this year over a two-week period beginning **Monday, 15th November**. The school will use these exams to not only get an accurate picture of the current working at grades for each pupil in each subject, but to analyse where gaps in knowledge are and adapt the curriculum accordingly, revisiting content that shows as needing further teaching.

Pupils will soon be receiving guidance from each subject, through Microsoft Teams, about what content will be tested in the exams. Each subject will also be providing additional information including links to websites and additional resources that will aid with their revision.

In the weeks leading up to the exams in November, we will provide support on how best to prepare for the exams not only from a subject content perspective, but also supporting positive mental health and wellbeing through tutor time and assemblies.

The government has, this week, launched a consultation about what should happen if exams are cancelled again this year. It is highly likely, if exams are cancelled, that they will ask schools to use evidence, like last year, from exams that have been sat by pupils over the course of the year. It is therefore important that pupils prepare thoroughly for these exams in a similar way to how they would for external examinations.

Further to this, we would like to invite you to attend Year 11 parents' evening on **Wednesday, 3rd November between 4.00pm and 7.00pm**. The focus of the meetings will be about the progress your child has made from the start of the year as well as how they can best to prepare for the upcoming PPEs.



Parents' evening will be back to face-face meetings in school this year. We will continue to use *School Cloud* as in previous years for you to make bookings with your child's teachers. To make bookings, you can login to the parents evening system using the school app.

Alternatively, you can make your appointments using the website: <https://ellisguilford.schoolcloud.co.uk/> A step-by-step guide can be found on the reverse of this letter.

Bookings will be available from **Monday, 11th October at 7.00am**. If you experience any issues with creating the bookings, please contact the school on 0115 913 1338 to speak to our admin team who will be able to assist.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Fugill
Vice Principal