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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations

I write to inform you about several updates regarding Year 11 events happening this half term. Firstly, all year 11 pupils will be sitting their first set of pre-public examinations this year over a two-week period beginning **Monday, 20th 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. Below you will find a copy of the Year 11 PPE timetable.

Pupils have already received guidance from each of their subjects, 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 their revision. All this information will be placed into the [Year 11 Revision Hub](#) on the website which I actively encourage you to visit to find a wealth of helpful resources to aid your child's revision and can be accessed [here](#).

To help you support your child during this PPE period, we are putting on a webinar on **Thursday, 15th November** that will run from 5.00pm to 6.00pm. This online webinar will provide information on key strategies to support memory and recall so you as a parent/carer can support in the revision process. It will also include revision tips to help our pupils achieve their best in the upcoming PPEs. There will also be information on how you can support your child throughout the examination window in terms of health and wellbeing.

To join the webinar, you simply need any digital device such as a phone or laptop. We will send a link out via text message the day of the webinar. If you would like to attend this webinar, please confirm your attendance by completing the form via the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/T0c4dE13Fa>. If you have any specific questions you would like to ask, please include these on the form provided.



Finally, all pupils this week will be receiving their target grades that will act as a guide into their expected progress and performance. Each pupils' target grades are individualised based on where they have started from, their school history, and what they could realistically, as a minimum, go onto achieve. It is important to note, the target grades indicate what pupils should achieve to match other pupils who have a similar academic profile, and they are by no means the limit, but a guide as to what pupils should be aiming to achieve as a starting point. We will be emailing each parent individually over the next two weeks with this information, but please do ask your child to share these targets with you at the end of this week.

We continue to do all we can to help our Year 11 pupils navigate what is a challenging year and we appreciate your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr D Fugill
Vice Principal



Pupils will have an earlier lunch from 12:30-1pm if they have an afternoon exam

Year 11 Pre-public Examinations – November 2023		
Date	Period 1 & 2	Period 4 & 5
Monday 20th November	<u>English Language P1</u> 1 hour 45 minutes	<u>Computer Science P1</u> 1 hour 30 minutes <u>Religious Studies P1</u> 1 hour 15 minutes
Tuesday 21st November	<u>Biology</u> <u>Combined science</u> 1 hour 15 minutes <u>Triple Science</u> 1 hour 45 minutes	<u>Spanish Writing</u> 1 hour/1 hour 15 minutes <u>Music (GCSE)</u> 1 hour 30 minutes
Wednesday 22nd November	<u>Maths Paper P1</u> 1 hour 30 minutes	<u>French Listening & Reading</u> 1 hour 20 minutes /1 hour 45 minutes <u>Film Studies P1</u> 1 hour
Thursday 23rd November	<u>Geography P1</u> 1 hour 30 minutes	<u>Business Studies</u> 1 hour 30 minutes
Friday 24th November	<u>Chemistry</u> <u>Combined science</u> 1 hour 15 minutes <u>Triple Science</u> 1 hour 45 minutes	<u>History P1</u> 1 hour 15 minutes
Date	Period 1 & 2	Period 4 & 5
Monday 27th November	<u>English Literature P2</u> 2 hours 15 minutes	<u>History P2</u> 50 minutes <u>Geography P2</u> 35 minutes (Students who study both History & Geography will do both exams in this session)
Tuesday 28th November	<u>Physics</u> <u>Combined science</u> 1 hour 15 minutes <u>Triple Science</u> 1 hour 45 minutes	<u>Computer Science P2</u> 1 hour <u>Drama</u> 1 hour 45 minutes
Wednesday 29th November	<u>Maths P2</u> 1 hour 30 minutes	<u>Spanish Listening & Reading</u> 1 hour 20 minutes /1 hour 45 minutes
Thursday 30th November	<u>History P2</u> 1 hour 20 minutes	<u>Religious Studies P2</u> 50 minutes <u>Film Studies P2</u> 1 hour
Friday 1st December	<u>Music Technology</u> 1 hour 30 minutes	<u>French Writing</u> 1 hour/1 hour 15 minutes



Exam work to be completed during lesson times or other scheduled sessions	
Subject	
Art	Unit 1/2 – 5/10 hours over 2 days – Dates to be confirmed
Art & Design Practice	Component 1 – Practical unit, 8/10 hours – Week Commencing 4 th December
Child Development	R059 Coursework Task – 3 hours in lessons
Drama	Component 3 – Practical Performances
Film Studies	Component 3
French	Speaking Tests – Week Commencing 4 th December
Health & Social Care	Component 2 – 6 hours in lessons
Hospitality & Catering	Unit 2 – 9 hours – Dates to be confirmed
Photography	Unit 1/2 – 5/10 hours over 2 days – Dates to be confirmed
Spanish	Speaking Tests – Week Commencing 4 th December
Sport Science	Coursework in Lessons