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Dear parent/carer

Year 11 PPE exams – Tuesday 4th November – Friday 21st November 2025

I am writing to you to provide some important information regarding your child's Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs), starting on Tuesday 4th November 2025. Students will receive a copy of their exam timetable from their form tutor later this week and we have attached a copy to this email.

School will continue to run as normal during the exam period, with full attendance required every day. Morning exams will begin after registration, whilst afternoon exams will begin after lunch. Students will attend lessons when they do not have an exam and if there are any days when students don't have an exam, they must attend lessons as normal. Please note that on some days students will leave school after 3pm, depending on the length of their afternoon exam. Students who do not have an afternoon exam will attend lessons and finish at their usual time. Due to the early finish on a Friday, exams will start after registration, and then after break to ensure all students are off site by 1pm. If your child is sitting an exam after break and finishes before 1pm, we will be dismissing them off site from the exam venue.

These exams provide a vital opportunity to work on exam preparation and technique before the start of the external exam season in May 2026. Students will have been set specific learning or practice questions in some subjects, and this should form part of their revision time.

You can support your child by ensuring they are fully equipped with the resources they need to complete the exams. It is important that all students bring their equipment, which includes multiple black and/or blue pens; multiple writing pencils; an eraser; 1 30cm ruler; geometry equipment – such as a protractor and compass; plus a scientific calculator. This equipment must be placed in a clear, plastic pencil case, which is a statutory requirement for students sitting exams.

Whilst your child is at home, you can support them further by ensuring they have a quiet place to study and only have access to the device they need for working. Students should also have access to index cards, flash cards and post-it notes, as summarising the most important information and terminology and referring to it regularly significantly aids retention and understanding. Some students like to place post-it notes on certain parts of the house (such as the fridge, on their bedroom wall or the back of the bathroom door). If this is the case in your home, please encourage it!

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In addition, this is a list of key websites which can support your child as they prepare for their exams:

- BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- Revision World (All past papers): <https://revisionworld.com/>
- Quizlet (make your own flashcards): <https://quizlet.com/en-gb>
- Seneca (an excellent online revision tool which assesses students as they answer questions and redirects their learning): <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

I would advise everyone to remember these FIVE key points when preparing for exams:

- **Small manageable chunks avoid cognitive overload.** If revising for a two-hour period, spending half an hour on 4 different subjects is much more effective than sticking to the same subject for 2 hours.
- **Do not just read your notes and highlight** – it won't work!
- **Retrieval practice is key** – practice, test yourself and ask someone to test you!
- **Dig deeper** – aim to seek a full understanding of the areas you are less sure of. If you can answer the "how?" and "why?" questions, you will have a much better understanding!
- **Ask for help** – you may well need this to help with the point above! Who are you going to ask? Whatever you do, ask someone!

Parents' Evening: Thursday 11th December

The first Year 11 Parents' Evening is scheduled for Thursday 11th December, and this will be an opportunity for all parents to receive up-to-date exam grades in all subjects and specific targets for further improvement. All parents will receive further details of this event in November, along with the window for booking all appointment.

Yours sincerely

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