

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 10 Pre- public Examination 1 (PPE) schedule

In order to fully prepare our Year 10 students for the rigour and challenges of Key Stage 4 and their exams of the summer of 2021, we have planned an internal set of examinations (PPE) to begin on **Monday 9th March until Wednesday 25th March 2020.**

The PPEs are a crucial part of Year 10 students' preparation for their final GCSE examinations. As such, these should be approached with a similar degree of seriousness and effort. In a sense they are a "dress rehearsal" for the real thing, but additionally they are part of the learning process required to ensure that students achieve their full potential.

Please find attached a copy of the PPE timetable which is also available under the exams section of the school website; students have also been given a personalised timetable. Students are responsible for bringing the correct equipment for exams and are advised to check what they need in advance with their subject teachers.

The PPEs will be held in the Sports Hall, unless your child is entitled to access arrangements or has any additional needs, in which case the exams will be completed in either the Lower School Hall or another designated room. All exams held in our exam venues will be overseen by invigilators. Throughout the duration of the PPEs the Switch will be open from 8.00am and breakfast refreshments are supplied. During this time, subject staff will be available to help support pupils and assist with final revision and subject specific questions.

Students should approach these PPEs with a determination to do their best and therefore prepare thoroughly. Each student's examination result will indicate overall attainment and illustrate how well they are achieving compared to the targets set at the start of Key Stage 4.

Thank you in advance in supporting us to ensure your child is fully prepared for these exams and through assisting their revision. Resources can be found on the school website via CenturyTech and individual subject information sections. Additionally, teachers will be setting revision for homework.

There is a wealth of information available online regarding GCSE examinations, ranging from revision sites (GCSE Bitesize/ Gojimo) to the formal exam board websites (AQA/OCR/Pearson), which can all be useful for resources and exam papers. In addition, we would recommend you access the following sources should you require further advice/ information on how to support your child through what can understandably be a stressful time:

- <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-exam-time/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/coping-with-exam-stress/>
- <https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/teenagers/school-learning/exam-stress/>

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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