



5 February 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **PRE PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS (PPES) WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 1 MARCH**

I am writing to confirm that the Year 10 PPEs will go ahead as planned in the week commencing Monday 1 March and the Year 10 Religious Studies PPE will take place in the week beginning Monday 22 March.

Following the cancellation of public examinations this summer and the current lockdown, it would not be appropriate for such large numbers of students to sit their PPE examinations in the exam's venues during the spring term and it is unlikely that this would be possible even in the summer term.

As a result, we have decided to proceed with the Year 10 PPEs remotely, with shorter examinations set during lesson time.

To provide an exams experience during this week, students will be given clear guidance as to which lessons will be examinations. When they are not in examinations they should be using their time to revise, teachers will provide guidance on the topics, the structure of the assessment, as well as tools to support revision.

Revision lessons will not be live lessons, however teaching staff will be available via google classroom to answer any questions that students might have.

The purpose of the PPEs is to help students and teachers gauge student progress during their GCSE course, and provide supportive formative feedback on how each student can improve.

Please note that any student with an EHCP can sit their PPE's in school as part of the pop-up provision. Students currently attending the pop-up school, will receive exactly the same provision within school.

The Religious Studies PPE will be taking place during w/c Monday 22 March and will consist of a 1 hour 45 minute paper on four of the following topics:

- Belief in God
- Living the Christian Life
- Crime and Punishment
- Belief in Allah
- Living the Muslim Life
- Marriage and the family
- Matters of life and death

We anticipate that in calculating grades this summer for Religious Studies, we will need to use a broad range of evidence which includes, but not exclusively relies on PPEs/Prelims. The details of this will be confirmed by OFQUAL. As soon as OFQUAL shares the plan for the calculation of grades this summer, we will share this with you. Please do encourage your child to continue to use all the resources their class teachers are providing for them and the revision RP GCSE page (q26g3ik) to prepare for their PPE paper.

To support revision for all subjects, Year 10 can also access GCSE POD. GCSEPod is a great online revision tool, where students can recap content by watching Pods (Videos) and then complete interactive tasks to assess their knowledge. All students have access on the link below:

<https://members.gcsepod.com/login>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Grindey', written in a cursive style.

Miss S Grindey  
Head of Year 10