



21 October 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

Pre-Public Examinations (PPE) 2022

The Year 11 PPEs are fast approaching. They are due to begin the first week back after half term and will finish on Wednesday 9 November. All students will be given a copy of their PPE timetable electronically via the **Bromcom Student Portal app and via their google classroom email**. It is very important that they look after this document, as this will give them their seat number and the venue that they need to be sat in for each of their examinations.

The timetable can be found below (timings refer to the length of the examination in minutes and the standard end time):

Monday	31 Oct	9:00 GCSE resit – English Language 01 (105) 10:45 10:00 Creative iMedia (75) 11:15 Computer Science (105) 11:45	Drama (105) 14:45 Health & Social Care (120) 15:00
Tuesday	01 Nov	Mathematics 1. non-calculator (90) 10:30	Geography (90) 14:30
Wednesday	02 Nov	Business (90) 10:30 Economics (90) 10:30 GCSE resit – English Language 02 (125) 11:05 Y13 UA tests, various 11:30	Mathematics 2. (90) 14:30
Thursday	03 Nov	English Language (125) 11:05	Food Prep. & Nutrition (105) 14:45 Design & Technology (120) 15:00
Friday	04 Nov	History (120) 11:00	12:30 Combined Science Biology F or H (75) 13:45 Biology (105) 14:15
Monday	07 Nov	Combined Science Chemistry (75) 10:15 Chemistry (105) 10:45	German F (45,60) or H (60,60) 14:50 or 15:05 Spanish F (45,60) or H (60,60) 14:50 or 15:05 French F or H (60,60) 15:05
Tuesday	08 Nov	Combined Science Physics (75) 10:15 Physics (105) 10:45	Music (90) 14:30 Physical Education (120) 15:00
Wednesday	09 Nov	Y10 Religious Studies (105) 10:45 Y11 art, photography (120) 11:00	Y11 clashes, if needed

Expected finish times shown are based on normal durations (minutes in brackets)
 Morning exams start at 09:00 (except Monday 31 Oct. which starts at 10:00)
 Afternoon exams start at 13:00 (except Friday 4 Nov. which starts at 12:30)

For the duration of the PPEs Monday 31 October to Wednesday 9 November, there will be an AM and PM exam on each day. Students will be expected to arrive in school by 8:40am, and will be asked to return home at the end of their PM examination.

For Example:

If their PM examination starts at 1:00pm and finishes at 2:30pm, students will then return home to study for the following day.

Where students do not have an examination, they will attend their normal timetabled lessons.

If you feel that your son/daughter is not ready for home study at the end of the school day, please contact Mr Pringle (Head of Year 11) who will be happy to make alternative arrangements with you.

The PPE results will be published to students on Wednesday 7 December and will be available to parents through the Bromcom My Child at School app later on the same day.

Our experience over the last few years has shown that students benefit greatly from taking examination papers in examination conditions. If this experience is followed up by structured feedback on their performance, guidance on revision work and the chance to improve any papers where they have not done as well as expected, then the impact on their grade is significant.

For the purposes of PPEs, we compare results with benchmarks. This is because the benchmarks are the outcome suggested by a student's starting point. Where a student has a higher target, they should aim for that as this will ensure they perform significantly better than expected. If their target is lower than their benchmark, and they achieve the target but not the benchmark, we will review the target with them to ensure that it is sufficiently challenging.

Revision

During October students are being set revision for their homework. Teachers will provide areas for students to focus on, but they should also take the time to focus on their own areas of develop in the subject. Students have been provided the opportunity during their PSMSC lessons to create a bespoke revision timetable for themselves, please speak to your child about this so that they develop a routine for their revision.

Some departments will be offering additional support to students through 45 minute sessions, as well as drop-in classes after school. These will be communicated to students via google classroom in due course.


GCSEPod is a great tool that we subscribe to, that your child can use to support with their revision. Students have access to over 6000 3 - 5 minutes pods (videos) which are designed to recap knowledge in short bursts. GCSEPod makes learning and revision much more manageable as content is broken down into small chunks. Every Pod is mapped to an exam board, and contains all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates and annotated diagrams that your child needs for success. After watching the Pods students can use the check and challenge tool to assess their recall and knowledge.

This video link is useful to understand how GCSEPod works and how you can use this to support your child with their revision at home.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKXN_FGBxFg

Finally, as you will be aware we have set up a google classroom for Year 11, please encourage your son/daughter to join this. In here I will be placing any generic and bespoke revision techniques as well as information relating to examinations, throughout the remainder of Year 11. The code for this is: **6p734yy**. Some other subjects also have a google classroom code which will have been shared with your son/daughter.

Yours sincerely



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