



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Year 10 Pre-Public Examinations (PPE) 2023**

The Year 10 PPEs are fast approaching. They are due to begin on Friday 3 February and will finish on Thursday 9 February. 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.

**For the duration of the PPEs Friday 3 February to Thursday 9 February, 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 Miss Kelly (Head of Year 10) who will be happy to make alternative arrangements with you.**

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**

In the run up to the PPEs students will be 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 development in the subject. Some departments may offer additional support to students through Google Classroom, 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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKXN_FGBxFg)

Finally, as you will be aware we have set up a google classroom for Year 10, please encourage your son/daughter to join this. On here I will be placing any generic and bespoke revision techniques as well as information relating to examinations. The code for this is: **n7haiqk**. Some other subjects also have a google classroom code which will have been shared with your son/daughter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E. Kelly'.

Miss E Kelly  
Head of Year 10