

1 November 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

I do hope you are well and that your child enjoyed a restful break and that they have come back to school ready for, what is promising to be, another busy and eventful half term.

I am writing to inform you about just two of these events; the December Pre Public Examinations (PPEs) or trial GCSE exams, and the 'Preparing for PPEs and GCSEs' information event put in place to support exam success.

The PPEs are scheduled to run throughout December, with practical exams taking place in January. Please find the timetable attached. These trial exams are vitally important for identifying what students know and understand, and what concepts and skills they still need to secure. They will give teachers the information they need to plan their lessons so that they address the learning needs of their students, as well as enabling students to plan their revision time efficiently and effectively as we approach the GCSE exam season.

To support Year 11 students to prepare effectively for the PPEs and GCSEs, tutors will be delivering a programme exploring a range of revision strategies. As part of this support we would like to invite Year 11 students and their parents to visit our Preparing for the PPEs and GCSEs section of the website. This will go live at 5pm on Thursday, 11 November 2021. A link to the website will be sent to you at this time. This information will remain on the website for the remainder of the year so that you can access it as you need to.

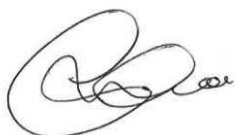
The information will consist of five pre-recorded presentations covering:

1. Supporting revision – Parents and carers have an important role to play.
2. Managing exam anxiety – Introducing CALM
3. Unifrog – Exploring future options. Where can your exams take you?
4. Social media and its impact - Take control of your time online.
5. Getting sixth form ready – Future proof learning habits.

I do hope you find the information useful.

Please note, there will be an opportunity to discuss your child's performance in the December PPEs, along with the next steps they should take to continue to improve, at the virtual Year 11 parents and carers' consultation evening on 27 January 2022.

Yours sincerely



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Year 11 Pre Public Examination Timetable - December 2021 and January 2022

			Arrive	Start	DECEMBER 2021				Room	LSA's
Friday	3	December	9.05am	9.15am	Year 11	French Listening Foundation		35m	Library	
Friday	3	December	9.55am	10.05am	Year 11	French Listening Higher		45m	Library	
Friday	3	December	11.10am	11.20am	Year 11	Spanish Listening Foundation		35m	Library	
Friday	3	December	12.00pm	12.10pm	Year 11	Spanish Listening Higher		45m	Library	
Friday	3	December	1.40pm	1.50pm	Year 11	Spanish Listening Higher		45m	Library	
Monday	6	December	8.50am	9.00am	Year 11	English Language	paper 1	1h45m	Sports Hall	Library
Monday	6	December	1.40pm	1.50pm	Year 11	Mathematics (non-calc)	paper 1	1h30m	Sports Hall	Library
Tuesday	7	December	8.50am	9.00am	Year 11	Biology	paper 1	1h45m	Sports Hall	Library
			8.50am	9.00am	Year 11	Combined Science	paper 1	1h15m	Sports Hall	Library

Tuesday	7	December	1.40pm	1.50pm	Year 11	Mathematics (calculator)	paper 2	1h30m	Sports Hall	Library
Wednesday	8	December	8.50am	9.00am	Year 11	Chemistry	paper 1	1h45m	Sports Hall	Library
			8.50am	9.00am	Year 11	Combined Science	paper 1	1h15m	Sports Hall	Library
Wednesday	8	December	1.50pm	2.00pm	Year 11	History	paper 1	1h30m	Sports Hall	Library
Thursday	9	December	8.50am	9.00am	Year 11	Mathematics (calculator)	paper 3	1h30m	Sports Hall	Library
Thursday	9	December	1.40pm	1.50pm	Year 11	English Literature	paper 1	1h15m	Sports Hall	Library
Friday	10	December	8.50am	9.00am	Year 11	Geography	paper 1	1h30m	Sports Hall	Library
Friday	10	December	1.40pm	1.50pm	Year 11	Spanish Writing H		1h15m	Sports Hall	Library
clash - do French in catch up session			1.40pm	1.50pm	Year 11	Spanish Writing F		1hour	Sports Hall	Library
			1.40pm	1.50pm	Year 11	French Writing H		1h15m	Sports Hall	Library
			1.40pm	1.50pm	Year 11	French Writing F		1hour	Sports Hall	Library

Monday	13	December	8.50am	9.00am	Year 11	Physics	paper 1	1h45m	Sports Hall	Library
			8.50am	9.00am	Year 11	Combined Science	paper 1	1h15m	Sports Hall	Library

Monday	13	December	1.40pm	1.50pm	Year 11	Geography	paper 2	1h30m	Sports Hall	Library
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Tuesday	14	December	8.50am	9.00am	Year 11	Food Prep & Nutrition		1h45m	Sports Hall	Library
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Tuesday	14	December	11.20am	11.30am	Year 11	English Literature	paper 2	50m	Sports Hall	Library
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Tuesday	14	December	1.40pm	1.50pm	Year 11	History	paper 3	1h20m	Sports Hall	Library
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Wednesday	15	December	8.50am	9.00am	Year 11	Spanish Reading H		1h	Sports Hall	Library
			8.50am	9.00am	Year 11	Spanish Reading F		45m	Sports Hall	Library
			8.50am	9.00am	Year 11	French Reading H		1h	Sports Hall	Library
			8.50am	9.00am	Year 11	French Reading F		45m	Sports Hall	Library

Wednesday	15	December	11.20am	11.30am	Year 11	History	paper 2	55m	Sports Hall	Library
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Wednesday	15	December	1.50pm	2.00pm	Year 11	Computer Science	paper 1	1h40m	Sports Hall	Library
Thursday	16	December	8.50am	9.00am	Year 11	Drama		1h45m	Library	
Thursday	16	December	11.20am	11.30am	Year 11	Film Studies	paper 1	1h	Library	
Thursday	16	December	1.50pm	2.00pm	Year 11	Ethics & Philosophy	paper 1	1h20m	Library	
			Arrive	Start					Room	LSA's
Friday	17	December	8.50am	9.00am	Year 11	Ethics & Philosophy	paper 2	1h45m	Library	
Friday	17	December	11.20am	11.30am	Year 11	Music		1h30	Library	
Friday	17	December	1.50pm	2.00pm	Year 11	Film Studies	paper 2	1h30m	Library	
Monday	20	December	8.50am	9.00am	Year 11	Further Maths		1h30m	Library	
clash - do F.Maths in catch up session			8.50am	9.00am	Year 11	Computer Science	practical	1h30m	DES 11/ELM 6	
Monday	20	December	11.10am	11.20am	Year 11	catch-up exams			Library	

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Tuesday	21	December								

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Friday	7	January	8.50am	9.00am	Year 11	Art practical	please see your teacher	DES	
Tuesday	11	January	8.50am	9.00am	Year 11	DANCE practical	please see your teacher	PA	
Wednesday	12	January	8.50am	9.00am	Year 11	Art practical	please see your teacher	DES	
Wednesday	12	January	8.50am	9.00am	Year 11	DT practical	please see your teacher	DES	