



25th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to give you advanced notice of the upcoming Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) for Year 11 and year 13 students. These exams are an important part of the preparation for the formal exam series next year and will be held in formal exam venues under full exam conditions. The purpose of this is to replicate the experience and conditions students will face in their final GCSE and A level exams. The PPEs will take place from 18th to 29th November and students will be provided with a detailed exam timetable after half term. These exams are designed to assess students' progress and highlight any areas that may require further development before the final examinations.

In the lead-up to the PPEs, students will be reviewing key revision techniques in school to help them prepare effectively for the exams. Teachers will guide students through strategies such as time management, active recall, and exam techniques to ensure they are fully equipped to perform at their best. Timely revision and preparation are vital for helping students enter these exams confidently and perform to the best of their ability.

Here are three key revision strategies that may help your child prepare:

1. **Create a Revision Timetable:** Encourage your child to plan out their revision in advance, allocating time for each subject. Sticking to a timetable will help them cover all the necessary material without feeling overwhelmed.
2. **Active Recall:** Instead of just reading notes, students should quiz themselves regularly. This can be done using flashcards, online quizzes, or self-testing on key concepts. Active recall helps strengthen memory and improves retention of important information.
3. **Practice Past Papers:** Working through past exam papers under timed conditions is one of the best ways to prepare for exams. This helps students get used to the format of questions and improves their time management skills during the exam.

We encourage students to make use of the resources provided by their teachers to support their preparation for the exams. Additional revision materials will be available on Bromcom, Microsoft Teams, and the school website.

Following the exams, the results will be communicated in your child's report, which will be given out at the year 11 Parents Evening after Christmas. Subject teachers will also identify the grade that your child is currently on track for, based on their performance in these exams and their overall progress so far. Please remind your child that the PPEs are a key part of their preparation for final exams. The results will provide valuable insights into their readiness, and sitting these exams under formal conditions will help build confidence and resilience for next year.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the PPEs, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs C Avison, Assistant Principal

