

8th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 GCSE PPE's
Tuesday 21st February - Wednesday 8th March 2023

I would like to draw your attention to the forthcoming PPEs to be taken by all Year 11 students from Tuesday 21st February to Wednesday 8th March 2023. As I am sure you are aware, these exams will give their teachers information about where they currently are and how to support them going forward. It will also provide information to support teachers in awarding predicted grades that will be used for Post-16 applications.

Students and parents have access to the detailed **Exam Timetable on Edulink**. Students need to make sure that they know what seat they are seated in for each session.

Students will enter the site via the usual gates every morning and will leave via the Sports Hall gate if they have an exam in the afternoon. Students not sitting an exam in the morning will attend their normal lessons.

Students sitting an exam in the afternoon will go to lunch at 12:20pm and then move over to the sports hall at 12:40pm for a 1pm start.

Students should arrive promptly to school, having looked closely at the assessment timetable beforehand. The location, duration and start time of each assessment is indicated on the timetable. Students have also been given their own personal timetables. Students will return to their timetabled lessons when they are not in an assessment.

Students will be required to catch up on any missed exams as soon as possible. That could include being asked to stay behind at the end of the day to complete a paper.

Students need to ensure that they bring all their normal books into school every day as staff will be aiming at maximising the time available to prepare students.

Students in exams in the afternoon will be dismissed from their exams and allowed to leave the site.

Please take note of the following arrangements:

- **The History Exam on the 23rd February will finish at 2pm and students will be dismissed to revise at home. There is a small number of students that do not take History or Geography. They will also be dismissed at 2pm**
- **The English Exam on the 2nd of March 2023 will only finish at 3:15pm**
- **The planned industrial action by teachers should not have an impact on the exams. Students and parents will be informed if that changes.**

These assessments will be conducted in the same way as formal GCSE's and expectations regarding behaviour will be as stringent as during the real examinations. Silence must be maintained from the time of lining up to entering the examination room, throughout the assessment and until after leaving the examination room. All students must wear full and correct school uniform.

Mobile phones must be switched off and left, along with wristwatches and any notes, in bags or jackets in the secure storeroom before entering the examination room. All access arrangements (both centre delegated and legal) will be observed for these PPEs.

Please ensure that your child arrives properly equipped. They will need at least 2 pens (**black ink only**), HB pencils, **CALCULATOR**, eraser, ruler, protractor and compasses.

It's also a good opportunity to remind all students, parents & carers about our fantastic GCSE Revision Microsite that is available for all students to use to support their revision. Every subject has their own revision page that contains all necessary resources needed to be successful in their revision. [Please click here](#) to access.

You will also be aware that we are running a number of interventions & supportive sessions for Year 11 students. To access our 'Intervention Provision on a Page', please [click](#) on this link.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the above assessments, please do not hesitate to contact me. In the meantime, I would like to wish students all the best.

Yours faithfully



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