



Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers

Pre-Public Exam Timetable for Year 11 Students 2017

Please find attached the Pre-Public exam (PPE) timetable for your daughters. You may be aware that these exams have been calendared closer to the 'real' GCSEs than in previous years when they were conducted almost immediately after Christmas. This is for a number of reasons: firstly, we wanted to ensure that your daughters rested over Christmas, rather than spending the holiday revising as has been the case previously. Your daughters' well-being is a high priority and we often talk to Year 11 about 'pacing themselves' throughout Year 11. The second reason is that, by leaving the PPE exams until the end of February, more of the content of the exam specifications has been taught, therefore the PPE results are more informative and useful as they highlight more comprehensively which areas of the exam specifications your daughter has understood and which she needs further support with.

We ask that you encourage your daughters to apply their 'best effort' in preparing for their PPEs as the results help us to determine which students need additional support and intervention in their subjects. Therefore it is important that we have a clear picture of which topics (in each subject) students have genuine misunderstanding of, rather than which areas just needed more revision. During tutor time and through assemblies, your daughters will be advised on how to create a revision timetable and we will also discuss techniques for revision and for helping with recall. I will contact you with more information regarding this shortly.

In the next fortnight, I will also be putting together an after-school revision programme that will detail which days teachers are kindly running after-school revision activities. I hope you have already received the very comprehensive Science revision programme from Mrs Evans and I will be providing you with further information regarding the Science programme shortly. This will include some very focused Chemistry intervention plans.

The PPE results will be given to students in the form of a **'mock' results day** where we replicate how students will receive their results in August. This is **calendared for Monday 20th March 2017. On Friday 24th March 2017 we are inviting all Year 11s to join us for the now famous, "Super Happy Fun Night"** an evening of fun, games, take-aways and prizes as a reward for their hard work. Mrs Kantolinna will be talking more to Year 11 about this next week.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Year 11 Subject Consultation evening on Thursday 2nd February 2017. It is a very important date in the year as it will give you the chance to talk to each of your daughters' subject teachers and gain insight into your daughter's progress. I will also be available on the evening, seated near the Science department, so please feel free to come and see me for a chat.

Yours sincerely

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Date	AM Session (8.30) P1/2	PM Session (1.30) Tutor/P5
Mon 27th Feb	History - Medicine	Biology - unit 1
Tues 28th Feb	Maths Paper 1 Non-calculator	Drama, PE, Psychology unit 1 Hall Geography unit 1 Gym
Wed 1st Mar	Spanish Listening and Reading	Chemistry unit 1
Thurs 2nd Mar	English Lit Paper 1 Shakespeare	Physics - unit 1
Fri 3rd Mar	Maths Paper 2 - calculator	French Listening and Reading

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Date	AM Session (8.30) P1/2	PM Session (1.30) Tutor/P5
Mon 6th Mar	English Lit Paper 2 - Modern Txt/Poetry	History - Germany
Tues 7th Mar	Maths Paper 3 - calculator	Health and Social Care Catering
Wed 8th Mar	Biology unit 2	Psychology unit 2, Dance, Systems & Control, Computer Systems & Programming - Hall
Thurs 9th Mar	Chemistry unit 2	
Fri 10th Mar	Physics unit 2	Music Listening