



3 November 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations**

Students in year 11 will be having their Pre-public Examinations ('PPE's) from 8 November 2021 – 19 November 2021. During this time, students will sit exams in all subjects. The examinations for core subjects will take place between Monday 8 November and Thursday 11 November and will take place in the Sports Hall, all other examinations will take place in lessons. All will be sat under exam conditions. For the exams on Monday 8 November and Tuesday 9 November that take place in the afternoon, students will be dismissed home from these examinations that end at 2:30pm or later. This will be those doing double Science without extra time.

These examinations are an important opportunity for students to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of topics and prepare for their GCSEs. It is imperative that students take these exams as seriously as they would their real GCSEs. As detailed in Mrs Gibbs' letter on 21 October, should the school be required to provide Centre Assessed Grades for students then these PPEs could provide part of the evidence base for grades given to students.

There is an examinations Google Classroom for all student to access with useful information and videos. The class code for this is: tsurbon. Information has also been shared with students this week via ClassCharts announcements and an announcement in the Year 11 Support Google Classroom.

As these examinations should be treated as if they are their real GCSE examinations students will be expected to follow all rules and expectations put in place, failure to do so could result in the student being seen as committing an exam malpractice offense.

Students will need to bring equipment to their exams, we are unable to provide equipment to students. Equipment should be in a clear, plain, pencil case. The equipment needed is:

- Black pen (including spares);
- Pencil;
- Ruler;
- Eraser;
- Pencil sharpener;
- Scientific Calculator (recommended: Casio FX-83GTX Scientific Calculator/Casio fx85GTX Scientific Calculator);
- Protractor (for Mathematics);
- Compass (for Mathematics).

These are important exams and are a key opportunity for students to assess their own progress and understanding of the subjects they are studying. As such, students should have been preparing for these exams already and have been informed of the exams in multiple assemblies over the past half term. To support students, there will continue to be revision corridors offered and I would encourage all students to attend any session to which they are invited and all open invite sessions. An overview of these sessions was included in my letter

on 6 October 2021. To further support students, we also have access to GCSEPod, a brilliant online learning platform, that all students can access to aid their revision.

I would also ask that where this is possible, you support them by providing a quiet space for revision or assist them to create a revision timetable.

Should you have any questions regarding the upcoming PPE's please contact your child's form tutor, via the school office email [meroffice@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:meroffice@maidenerleghtrust.org).

Yours sincerely,



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