

20 December 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations

As you are aware, students in Year 11 will be sitting their Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) Monday 29 January - Friday 9 February 2024. A copy of the timetable has been released to students on ClassCharts, Bromcom and the Year 11 Google Classroom noticeboard.

These exams are a vital opportunity for students to demonstrate their accumulative knowledge and understanding of topics in preparation for their final GCSEs. It is imperative that students take these exams as seriously as they would their real examinations. Should the school be asked to provide Centre Grades for students, these PPEs will provide part of the evidence-based grades awarded to students.

Students will be expected to follow all rules and expectations put in place for the running of examinations. Failure to do so could result in the student being seen as committing a malpractice offense. As in the real exam, students must be ready 15 minutes prior to the start of the exam. They must not be visiting lockers or arriving during this window. Seating plans for each day will be released the day before on Google Classroom to aid a calm and ready start.

All students should arrive and attend their exams in full school uniform. They must take responsibility for having their own equipment on their person and having all other belongings away, in their own lockers. No watches or mobile phones can be taken into the exam and should also be either in their locker or left at home.

The school will not be taking responsibility for items students have not stored away or organised in advance. All equipment brought in by students should be in a clear, plain pencil case. Should your child need it, they are able to buy a basic equipment set at Student Services for £2.00 – a service they will need to access prior to their exams, and not on the morning of. We will not be providing spare equipment to students should they not have this themselves.

The required equipment needed for each student is:

- Black pen (including spares)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Scientific Calculator (recommended Casio FX83GTX or FX85GTX Scientific Calculator)
- Protractor and compass (for Mathematics)

Some of the afternoon exams will finish earlier than the normal school day. On these days, students will be dismissed straight after exams. Please make any necessary arrangements for your child to be collected. If you have concerns about this, please contact the school.

These exams are a key opportunity for students to assess their own progress and understanding of the subjects they are studying. Revision classes will be running from Monday 8 – Friday 19 January, 3.30 – 4.30pm. A timetable of these sessions will be posted for students on ClassCharts and Google Classroom. We invite all students to attend as many as they are able.

Over the festive break, whilst students should of course rest and recuperate after a long and challenging term, if they do not already have one in place, we urge students to organise a revision timetable and be proactive in their preparations. Every student should be routinely completing practice papers, organising target areas for revision and reviewing study materials from lessons and Google Classroom between now and their examinations.

Should you have any questions regarding the upcoming PPEs please contact your child's Form Tutor in the first instance via email at meroffice@madienerleghtrust.org.

Wishing your child the very best in their examinations. I have no doubt that success awaits.

Yours sincerely



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