

Stafford Manor High School



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Dear Parent/Carer and Student

Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs)

I am writing to update you on the next steps in preparing your child for their GCSE exams in Summer.

In order to support your child in achieving their best during their GCSE exams this Summer it is important that we know how your child is performing.

Before half term, there will be a final series of exams (PPEs) designed to inform us, and yourselves, of any gaps in knowledge that need to be improved before the exams in May.

We can then use these strengths and weaknesses to tailor our curriculum to ensure that your child is fully prepared for the actual exams.

The dates for these PPEs are as follows:

Date:	Day:	Exam:	AM/PM:
19 February	Monday	Geography	AM
19 February	Monday	French Listening	PM
20 February	Tuesday	Biology	PM
21 February	Wednesday	English Language	AM
21 February	Wednesday	Media	PM
21 February	Wednesday	ICT	PM
22 February	Thursday	History	AM
22 February	Thursday	PE	PM
22 February	Thursday	Business	PM
23 February	Friday	Maths	AM
26 February	Monday	Chemistry	AM
26 February	Monday	French Reading	PM
27 February	Tuesday	History	AM
27 February	Tuesday	Business	PM
27 February	Tuesday	PE	PM
28 February	Wednesday	English Literature	AM
28 February	Wednesday	Media	PM
29 February	Thursday	Maths	AM
1 March	Friday	Physics	PM
4 March	Monday	History	AM
4 March	Monday	French Writing	PM
5 March	Tuesday	Maths	AM
5 March	Tuesday	Geography	PM
6 March	Wednesday	DT	AM
7 March	Thursday	French Speaking	All Day
8 March	Friday	Art / Textiles	All Day

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Please can you ensure that your child is aware of these dates and is preparing fully for them.

On the next page, there will be information on how to best prepare them for these PPEs.

At Stafford Manor High School, we pride ourselves in the work we do to ensure that your child is prepared for their exams and will be preparing them in lessons. However, success is not just from work done in the classroom and your support in helping to prepare your child would be greatly appreciated.

To help you prepare your child fully for these PPE exams, you will find a brochure called "**Help Your Child Learn**" enclosed with this letter.

I would like to draw your attention to **Section 7**: How to revise for the exams in November (and beyond).

To improve their grade, it is expected that at least 1 hour of independent work/homework is carried out every night, as well as 15 hours of revision throughout half term. A blank revision timetable, which can be used to plan out revision time over half term is present towards the back of the brochure. It would be useful to help your child plan a mixture of bronze, silver and gold days made up of the following hours per day:

- **Bronze days:** 2 hours
- **Silver days:** 3 hours
- **Gold Days:** 4 hours

Finally, a message from Mr Regnauld:

"Year 11 is going to go so quickly, and before you know it, you will be sitting your final GCSE exams in the hall. The PPE's will help you become fully prepared for this. Not only by practicing your exam technique, but also showing your teachers where your strengths and weaknesses are. What you do in these exams will impact how your teachers help you over the next year, and so ultimately will impact your final grade. It's massively important you revise and prepare well for these exams in order for us to support your needs. We want you to be entering your summer exams confidently, and this is the first step to achieving that goal. Good luck!"

Yours sincerely



Mr A Barnes
Extended Leadership

