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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Re: Year 11 – Preparation for GCSE Exams Summer 2021**

Your son/daughter has now reached a crucial year in their education and I am sure you are keen to work with us, in supporting them to reach their potential, in their GCSE exams in Summer 2021. The exams have now been confirmed by the DFE to start on 7 June ending on 2 July 2021.

In addition to ensuring teaching staff are delivering high quality lessons daily to all students, there are several other aspects, we will be addressing, with Year 11 students this year:

### **Homework/Self Study**

Extensive research of student outcomes has shown that homework and self-study are essential to students achieving the grades they are capable of. The best way of completing homework is to ensure a routine is established and time is set aside in the evening or weekend to complete this.

If your son/daughter would prefer to complete homework in school, a quiet study area is available from 8.30am – 9.30am (Monday – Friday in the Year 11 study area at school) and subject staff are available for targeted booster sessions each morning. Students are invited to join these sessions depending on their academic need. In addition to tasks set above all students have access to GCSEpod, BBC Bitesize and Quizlet which offer revision and self-marked tasks for a full range of subjects. Regular use of these tools is proven to help in achieving potential. Maths also uses Maths Watch.

### **Key Dates for Year 11- Term 1**

Thursday 8 October  
Monday 12 October - Friday 16 October  
Thursday 15 October  
Tuesday 3 November - Friday 15 November  
Wednesday 2 December

Year 11 Success Presentation to students  
Grab a Grade Week (vocational subjects)  
Exam Stress workshop  
PPE1 (mock exams)  
PPE Results Day/Year 11 Report/ Year 11  
Parents Evening/Post 16 Information

### **PPE1 Exams**

While we are still in a pandemic and, considering last year's Year 11 cohort received centre assessed grades, PPE exams have taken on a greater importance than ever. We are planning for students to take 2 sets of these exams, the first set in November and the second set at the beginning of March.

The timetable for these exams is at the end of this letter.

### **Science**

To date, all students have been taught content which would allow them to follow either the Separate Science route where they would gain 3 GCSE's in Biology, Chemistry and Physics or the Trilogy (Combined Science) route where they would gain 2 GCSEs in Science.

The content for the Separate Science route is significantly larger than the Combined and is recommended for students wanting to follow a Science route post 16. Students have already been given the opportunity to sit Separate Science papers this term. We will then provide Combined papers for all students as part of their PPE



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timetable to provide us with comparable data. Science staff will then decide as to the best course to follow for individual students by the beginning of December.

If you require further information regarding Science, please contact [JFletcher@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org](mailto:JFletcher@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org)

### **Exam Board Information**

We will be providing all students with a revision guide for all Core subjects (Maths and English). If you are looking to purchase revision guides for other subjects, it is important you purchase the guide for the correct exam board. These are outlined below and in a subject summary booklet which has been supplied to all students:

Subject	Exam Board Studied	Recommended Revision Guide
English	AQA	Provided by Academy
Mathematics	OCR	Provided by Academy
Science	AQA	Provided by Academy
History	Edexcel	Provided by Faculty
Geography	AQA	Provided by Faculty
Citizenship	AQA	Provided by Faculty
French	AQA	CGP French AQA 9-1 Translation book
Spanish	AQA	CGP Spanish AQA 9-1 Translation book
PE	AQA	Revise AQA GCSE (9-1) Physical Education Revision Guide Revise AQA GCSE (9-1) Physical Education Revision Workbook

### **Year 11 Area on Website**

We are working hard to put together as much useful GCSE information as we can onto a dedicated area on the Academy website.

Here you will find electronic copies of presentations, booklets, exam timetables and practice exam papers for all subjects.

The link to the area is below:

<https://bit.ly/3jWO1Rw>

Students have already received much of this information in a presentation they received last week. If you would like to further information, please do not hesitate to contact staff at the Academy.

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Kind regards,



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**YR11 PPE TIMETABLE – Tuesday 3 – Monday 16 November**

Tuesday 3 November		Wednesday 4 November		Thursday 5 November		Friday 6 November		Monday 9 November
P2 & P3		P2 & P3		P2 & P3		P2 & P3		P2 & P3
Science – Biology 1h15m		English Language paper 1 1h45m		English Literature 1h45m		English Language paper 2 1h45m		Maths paper 2 (calc) 1h30m
P4 & P5		P4 & P5		P4	P5	P4 & P5		P4 & P5
Maths paper 1 (non-calc) 1h30m		Science – Chemistry 1h15m		Spanish listening Higher 45m <b>PE unit exam (6) 1h room tbc</b>	Spanish listening Foundation 35mins	Science – Physics 1h15m		Creative iMedia (41) 1h15m  GCSE PE paper 1 (15) 1h15m
Tuesday 10 November		Wednesday 11 November		Thursday 12 November		Friday 13 November		Monday 16 November
P2 & P3		P2 & P3		P2 & P3		P2 & P3		P2 & P3
Maths paper 3 (calc) 1h30m		History paper 1 (64) 1h15m GCSE PE paper 2 1h15m		History paper 2 (64) 1h30m Geography paper 1 (78) 1h30m		Citizenship (11) 1h45m		French and Spanish writing higher 1h15m
P4	P5	P4	P5	P4 & P5		P4	P5	P4 & P5
French listening Higher 45m	French listening Foundation 35m	French and Spanish reading higher 1h	French and Spanish reading foundation 45m	Enterprise and Marketing (35) 1h30m		French and Spanish writing foundation 1h	Geography paper 2 45m	Music (15) 1h