

Ref: NTR/EWA/PrePublicExams

1 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

**RE: YEAR 10 Pre Public Exam Session Monday 15 March – Friday 26 March 2021**

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. Thank you for your support with the online learning we have provided for your child. I am sure; however, you are as keen as we are to get the students back into school and back to face to face teaching and routine from 8<sup>th</sup> March.

We had planned for Year 10 to sit a suite of PPE exams in January this year to assess any GCSE work they have completed since the beginning of the course in Year 9. This process is important in informing students, parents and staff how much progress they are making in terms of their GCSE courses. The outcomes of this process provides us with vital information in order to make any necessary adjustments to teaching, grouping and provide extra help as required. Lockdown after Christmas prevented us doing this, although I know subject did do some online assessment. As I am sure many students had been preparing for this, we are keen to carry out this process before the Summer Term.

The timetable for these exams will be sent to you by the end of this week.

**Revisiting Work/Self Study**

Extensive research of student outcomes has shown that revisiting work and self-study are essential to students achieving the grades they are capable of. The best way of completing self study is to ensure a routine is established and time is set aside in the evening or weekend to complete this. In addition to tasks set above all students have access to GCSEpod, BBC Bitesize, Educake, Seneca Learning 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. Further help and support, including a bank of past exam papers for many different subjects can be found on the Academy website under "Year 11 Exams". The link for this area is below:

<https://www.cityofpeterboroughacademy.org/page/?title=Year+11+exams&pid=114>

**Exam Board Information**

We have provided all students with a revision guide for all Core subjects (Maths and English) during the Lockdown period. If your child has not collected their copies, please ensure they collect them from the year office on return to school or collect it from the Well Being Bus next Wednesday. If you are looking to purchase revision guides for other subjects, it is important your 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

If your child is at all concerned about this process or requires any further information regarding the PPEs, they should firstly speak to their subject teacher through Teams. If they still require further assistance, they are welcome to contact Ms Gillespie-Beal or myself.

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Kind regards,



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