



7th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 11 have made a fabulous start to their final year of GCSEs and we are now preparing for the Pre Public Examinations (PPEs). Following feedback from students and staff we have moved the PPE window to either side of the half term break so they will take place during the weeks beginning Monday 21st October and Monday 4th November. Students will be in school throughout the exam period and the timetable for the examinations is attached.

We endeavour to make the PPEs as much like the actual exams as possible, so they will run in the Sports Hall following the same procedures and we will be talking to students in assembly to ensure they understand how the exams will operate.

Over the next few weeks teaching staff will be preparing students for the PPEs, ensuring they understand how they will be assessed and what the exams will cover.

Alongside this we have rolled out our mentoring scheme where each student can opt to be mentored by a member of staff to guide and support them through the next few months. If your child does not currently have a mentor and would like one please contact Miss Eastwood, Director of Learning for Year 11, leastwood@marlborough.herts.sch.uk.

To further support the students Mr Fitzgibbon has been sending out weekly support/revision tips and we ran the first of our Preparation for GCSE evenings last week. Due to popular demand a second evening will also take place on 16th October (we have only 5 spaces available for parents/carers and students to attend, if you are interested in attending please email Miss S Smith: s.smith@marlborough.herts.sch.uk), a copy of the PowerPoint shared at the evening will be sent home to all parents/carers. Year 11 will also be having an extended assembly this Friday, looking in more detail about how to revise effectively and how to look after yourself during exam season.

If you or your child have any questions about the PPEs please email our exams team on ExamQueries@marlborough.herts.sch.uk.

We wish every student the best of luck with their PPEs.

Yours sincerely,

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