



6th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 11 have made a most promising start to their final year of GCSEs and we are now preparing for the Pre Public Examinations (PPEs). The PPEs will start on Monday 19th October and run until Monday 9th 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 formal exam procedures. We will also 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. The SEND team will be meeting with students who have access arrangements to ensure they know exactly how these will run during the PPEs.

To further support the students Mr Fitzgibbon is sending out weekly support/revision tips and we are running our Preparation for GCSE evenings (there are still some spaces available for the evening on Monday 12th October, 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 evenings will also be sent home to all parents/carers.

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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