

6th June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

From Monday 23rd June to Friday 4th July Year 9 students will be taking Pre Public Examinations (PPEs) to assess their progress to date in their GCSE courses. The examinations for English, Mathematics and Science will take place in the Sports Hall following the attached timetable. For the exams in their option subjects students will sit these in their usual lesson for each subject during the exam fortnight.

For all examinations in the Sports Hall we will follow the same procedures as for the GCSEs and students will have an allocated seat for each of the exams. Obviously for all exams we expect the highest standards of behaviour and conduct from all students.

In preparation for the examinations subject teachers will be talking to the students about what they need to revise and will ensure that they are aware of the type of questions that will be on the papers.

Students will need to bring their own equipment for the examinations, including maths equipment and a working calculator. If students do not have the equipment this can be obtained from the Finance Office prior to the examinations. All equipment should be in a clear pencil case or plastic bag. Students are not allowed to take food into the venue; however they may take in a bottle of water (as long as it has a sports top), again in a clear bottle. No juice or fizzy drinks will be permitted. Please also be aware that watches, mobile phones, iPods, MP3 players, smart glasses or other electronic devices will need to be switched off and placed in the plastic wallets (provided by the school) on the students' desks. These will be collected by staff, placed in a box at the front of the hall and returned at the end of the examination.

If your child does not have an examination they will continue with their normal timetabled lessons and should bring in the correct books.

Students will receive their examination results in their lessons as these become available. In addition a copy of the results will also be sent home at the start of Year 10.

As your child is only part way through their GCSE courses the examinations will only be covering aspects of the course that have been taught to date. The main purpose of the examinations is to assess the students' progress but also to identify exactly where they have



gaps in their learning. We will publish the results as a percentage for each subject and produce Personalised Learning Checklists for the students which will identify strengths and weaknesses across each subject.

If you have any questions regarding the examinations, please ask your child's subject teachers in the first instance, or Mrs Garman/Mrs Brown who are organising the examinations by emailing ExamQueries@marlborough.herts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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