



3rd October 2025

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 PPE window is either side of the half term break so they will take place during the weeks beginning Monday 20th October and Monday 3rd 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.

To further support the students Mr Fitzgibbon will be sending out weekly support/revision tips and we are running our Preparation for GCSE evenings on Monday 6th and Monday 13th October (Monday 6th is full but there are still some spaces on Monday 13th, 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. Year 11 also had an extended assembly today during which they looked in more detail about how to revise effectively and how to look after themselves 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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