



11th March 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

Year 10 GCSE assessment preparation and Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs)

I write to update you on your child's Year 10 assessments starting this **Friday 15th March**, and their first set of GCSE PPEs (mock exams). During form times students have been learning and practising a variety of revision techniques. Students can also:

- Speak to their teachers about revision outside of lesson
- Use the **GCSEPod** site that the school has purchased to support their learning.
- Complete past exam board papers and check their work themselves is highly recommended.

We hope that this practice, which can be refined throughout their GCSEs, enables them to find the most appropriate ways to remember the information they need to fulfil their potential in all their assessments and GCSE exams. I hope their results reflect the effort they apply to their revision.

On Friday 15th March, all Year 10 students will be sitting a two-hour English Language exam in the Sports Hall. If your child has been granted an exam access arrangement, this will be accommodated in the exam. This will be the students first experience of sitting an exam under JCQ exam board conditions. Please note the following important information:

- Students must arrive at school ready for an 8.40am exam briefing in the blue Sports Hall.
- They need all their required equipment - black ball point pens, pencils and a ruler. Highlighters are optional but recommended.
- Students are allowed to take a bottle of water into the exam but all labels must be removed
- If your child has long hair that covers their ears, it is an exam board regulation that hair is tied back to clearly show the face and ears.
- Students must not have any electronic device on them, e.g. mobile phone or smartwatch.
- Student bags and coats will be safely locked away for the duration of the examination.

All other subject PPEs are 45 minutes in duration and will take place in the classroom during normal timetabled lessons up to the Easter holidays, with some subjects having multiple assessments.

I must stress the importance of school attendance during the PPEs. I am sure that I can rely on you to get your child into school every day, even if they are a little under the weather.

Once PPE papers have been marked we will share the results with you via your child's report due out Thursday 9th May, ready for your child's Parents Evening on **Thursday 16th May** to be held in person at school between 4pm and 7pm. Appointment bookings will open nearer the time.

Finally, please check that your child is well on their way to organising their work experience week commencing **Monday 8th July**, to help them understand employment when their education ends. Students have completed the majority of this during form times, but if your child needs any help they should speak with the form tutor in the first instance.

If you require any further information about any of the items mentioned, please do not hesitate to contact me by email c.teanby@marshlandhigh.co.uk

Yours faithfully,

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