



Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

October 2020

Year 11 Pre-public exams – November/December 2020

I am writing to inform you that all Year 11 students will begin their pre-public GCSE exams (PPEs) across most subjects in November 2020. The exams will begin with a Revision Week in school from 14th November and will continue with formal exams on Monday 23rd November until Wednesday 2nd December 2020. All students should be encouraged to start revising and preparing for these exams from now on.

The aim of the PPE period is primarily to help students plan and refine their approach towards their external summer exams in 2021. The results from the PPEs will be distributed to students on the 18th December 2020. These results will give students an indication of what level they are working at, highlighting more specific areas that may require further work on additional exam techniques, or on focus areas within their home-revision study programme.

Due to the ever-changing situation with Covid-19, results of these PPEs could be significant and potentially be used to determine outcomes in the Summer 2021 exams. The government is currently sticking to the line that GCSE exams will go ahead, but we would rather be prepared for any outcome.

Students will have received an assembly from Mr Gill before the start of revision week with details of the PPE period and with information on effective strategies for independent revision.

All year 11 Parents and Carers will also be invited to an **Information Evening on Thursday 12th November 2020** (more information to follow about this).

Students are expected to be in school daily at their normal time and should be ready to line up for all examinations 10 minutes before the published start time. Please provide your son/daughter with additional snacks during this PPE time as some exams will overlap with break and lunch time, (though we will endeavour to make sure that all students receive a fair break in between these sessions).

In order for our students to complete their exams, they should ensure that they have all the necessary equipment with them: a clear pencil case or small clear plastic bag with **black pens** (all exams must be written in Black Ink), pencils, ruler, compass, eraser, sharpener, and a scientific calculator (as this can be used in a number of exams such as Mathematics, Geography and Science). Please refer to the Candidate Hand Book for additional exam information; all year 11 students have been emailed a copy of this guide. Students should bring a bottle of water in a transparent bottle with all labels removed.

Do look at the Bedale High School Website under 'Examinations' for documents relating to exams, revision and subject specific guidance:

<https://bedalehighschool.org.uk/our-learning/examinations/>

Should you require further information or additional assistance in supporting your child, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Gill (Deputy Head Teacher) gillm@bedalehighschool.org.uk

Yours faithfully

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