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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 11 PPE2

The Year 11 PPE2 (Pre-public exams) in English, maths and science will commence on **Monday 9th March**. These examinations will be the final opportunity for our students to experience a full run-through of all of their core exams before the summer. It is therefore essential students thoroughly prepare for these exams, so that they can identify their strengths and weaknesses, this in turn can lead to refocused revision for their summer exams.

I have included a copy of the **Year 11 PPE2 timetable overleaf**, plus some thoughts below on how best to support your child.

Establish effective study habits

Help your child create a study plan early on (this will make you aware of their exam dates too), making sure it is realistic and achievable to avoid de-motivation. Planning in advance will also help avoid ineffective cramming sessions further down the line. Encourage them to use a weekly planner so they are accountable for their work. Don't micro-manage. Provide extra support if they need or ask for it. Don't try and force them to work for hours at a time. Their concentration span is limited and it will hinder the success of their revision if they are trying to do mammoth sessions. Suggest the use of a timer as well as regularly changing revision subject, to avoid getting stuck in a rut.

Watch for signs of frustration

It's important that your child is in the right frame of mind for revising. If they are struggling over something in particular, it may be best to park it for the night, reassess the next day and break it down into manageable chunks. Look out for stress and worry over exams that have been and gone. Be sure to ask them how their exam went, then shift their focus to what's coming up next and encourage them to stay in a positive mind-set.

If you are working closely with your child to help them study, but feel the work is beyond your own skill set, it may be worth seeing if there is another family member who can assist. Or, if you feel this may be a long term issue and your child needs extra support, it is worth contacting your child's Tutor or subject teacher.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support as we approach this final push and wish everyone in Year 11 great success.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Southwood
Deputy Headteacher



Y11 English/Maths/Science PPE2 Timetable – March 2020

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| Week B | 9:00AM START | Break | 11.15AM START |
| Monday 9th March | SPORTS HALL etc <u>Maths non-calculator 1hr 30</u> | | SPORTS HALL etc <u>English Literature 1hr 45</u> |

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| Week B | 9:00AM START | Break | 11.15am START |
| Tuesday 10th March | SPORTS HALL etc <u>Maths 1hr 30</u> | | SPORTS HALL etc <u>Combined Trilogy Physics 1hr 15</u> <u>Triple Science Physics 1hr 45</u> |

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| Week B | 9:00AM START | Break | 11:15 AM START |
| Wednesday 11th March | SPORTS HALL etc <u>English Literature 2hrs 15</u> | | |

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| Week B | 9:00AM START | Break | 11:15 AM START |
| Thursday 12th March | SPORTS HALL etc <u>Maths 1hr 30</u> | | SPORTS HALL etc <u>Combined Trilogy Chemistry 1hr 15</u> <u>Triple Science Chemistry 1hr 45</u> |

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| Week B | 9:00AM START | Break | 11:15 AM START |
| Friday 13th March | SPORTS HALL etc <u>Combined Trilogy Biology 1hr 15</u> <u>Triple Science Biology 1hr 45</u> | | |

