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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into the final term before the summer examinations, we are beginning preparations for the Year 10 Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) which will take place at the end of April. These examinations are an important milestone for students as they provide valuable experience of formal exam conditions and allow teachers to assess progress ahead of Year 11.

Last week, all Year 10 students attended a revision workshop focused on helping them understand how to revise effectively and make their learning “stick.” During this session we explored the difference between simply working hard and working smart when it comes to revision.

Students were introduced to key research-informed strategies including:

- **Retrieval practice** – actively trying to remember information rather than just re-reading notes.
- **Brain dumps** – writing down everything they can recall about a topic before checking their notes.
- **Self-quizzing and flashcards** to strengthen memory and understanding.

We also discussed practical habits that support effective learning, such as revising in short, focused sessions, limiting distractions (including mobile phones), and building regular daily review into their routines.

A key message for students was that successful revision is not about cramming the night before an exam, but about revisiting knowledge little and often over time so that it moves into long-term memory.

To further support students in developing these habits, purposeful revision sessions will take place once a week during tutor time. These sessions will guide students through effective revision strategies, help them practise retrieval techniques, and encourage them to review key knowledge from across their subjects.

Students will be expected to follow the same expectations and procedures as formal public examinations.





Key information includes:

- Students must follow [JCQ exam regulations](#) before, during and after the examinations. Full details will be shared with students and are available via the [school website](#) and Google Classroom.
- Full school uniform must be worn for the duration of the PPE period.
- Mobile phones, earphones and watches are not permitted in the exam hall.
- Students must ensure they bring the correct equipment for their examinations.
- When students do not have an exam scheduled, they will attend their normal timetabled lessons.

If a student is unwell and unable to attend, the exam will be sat when they return to school. If a student arrives late to an exam, they will be admitted and given time where possible to complete the paper.

Following the PPE period, papers will be internally marked and moderated, and results will be shared with students after half term. Where there is significant underperformance, students may be asked to re-sit a paper to ensure they have the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding.

A full exam timetable will be shared with students via Google Classroom, and after Easter it will also be available on the Student App (BromCom). [The full timetable can also be accessed here.](#)

You play a crucial role in supporting your child during this period. Encouraging them to:

- Revise little and often, rather than leaving it until the last minute
- Create a quiet, distraction-free environment for study
- Test themselves using flashcards, practice questions or brain dumps

This can make a significant difference to how well information is retained.

Students are in a strong position at this stage – they have time, support from their teachers, and access to knowledge organisers and practice materials. Beginning good revision habits now will set them up for success in both their PPEs and their final GCSE examinations.





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