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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Pre-Public Exams - June 2023

I am writing to inform you of some very important Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) that are due to take place for Year 10 students from Monday 19 June to Friday 23 June 2023 inclusive.

PPEs are internal examinations set by subject teachers. These exams use exam board assessment materials and mark-schemes and give students a very authentic experience of sitting examinations, which will be excellent preparation for the public examinations in the Summer of Year 11. These exams also give students and their teachers valuable information on their current level of performance, their strengths and those areas which they still need to develop in order to achieve their full potential. In some subject areas, the results from these PPEs will be used to help confirm students' tiers of entry for the Year 11 Summer examinations. If students spend time systematically revising and putting in their best effort, these exams will be a fantastic opportunity to build confidence and momentum towards success at the end of Year 11.

To ensure you have clear information to help you support your son/daughter to prepare for these important PPEs, please see below a timetable which indicates when exams in specific subjects are taking place. Your son/daughter will, in due course, be issued with an Individual Candidate Exam Timetable. This will indicate exactly which papers they are sitting with details regarding starting times, venues and seat numbers. A copy will also be emailed to their Kings' email account.

To assist with the revision process, I have asked Subject Leaders to indicate in the table below which topics Year 10 students will need to focus on in preparing for their PPEs.

Art and Textiles	Students will undertake five hours of controlled assessment to create a finished outcome working from a design plan. Further details will be issued in class.
Business Studies	Business in the Real World, External Influences, Human Resources and Business Operations. A more detailed topic list to be shared with students in lessons.
Computer Science	The exam will focus on content taught this year in Units 3 (Data Representation), 4 (Computer Systems), 5 (Networks), 6 (Cyber Security), 7 (Relational Databases).
DT Product Design	This is a one- and 1/2-hour exam. The exam will be a mixture of multiple choice, short and long answer questions. The exam paper will cover the three areas of study: Core Technical Principles, Specialist Technical Principles and Designing and Making Principles. Topics for the exam include Energy : sources, fossil fuels and renewables. Batteries : alkaline and rechargeable. Manufacturing : scales of production, advantages and disadvantages. Addition processes : laminating, soldering, welding. Removing waste materials : turning, sawing, drilling, cutting, sanding, filing. Surface finishes : aesthetics and function. Quality controls : benefits and examples. Working with tolerances. Materials and their working properties : biodegradable, card and boards: types, uses and properties, sources of origin. Timbers : hardwoods, softwoods, manufactured boards, properties of timbers and manufactured boards. Sustainability : global warming, the environmental impact of designing and manufacturing products. Product analysis : the suitability of a design for target markets, function, aesthetics, safety and sizes. Design and making processes :

	designer collaboration: benefits. Advantages and disadvantages of 2D and 3D drawing. Modelling and prototyping. Maths in DT: area, tolerances, percentages, volume.
English Language	Students will sit English Language Paper 1: Creative Reading and Writing. Students will be asked to answer questions analysing and evaluating the methods used in an extract from a fiction text in Section A of this exam. In Section B, they will be asked to write their own piece of narrative or descriptive writing. There are past papers and revision resources on Firefly to aid revision for this PPE.
English Literature	Students will sit English Literature Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry. In Section A, they will answer one question on Animal Farm, in Section B they will answer one question on Power and Conflict Poetry, and in Section C they will answer on two unseen poems. Questions in this exam will assess students' ability to understand texts, use evidence, analyse methods and make links to influencing context. There are pages on Firefly with past paper questions and revision resources for each of these units.
Food Preparation and Nutrition	Students will sit a one hour 30-minute written exam testing their theoretical knowledge of food preparation and nutrition. There will be a variety of long and short questions including multiple choice. Students will be shown how to research and prepare for the examination leading up to their PPE. Students will be able to access revision materials available on Firefly.
French/ German	Students should prepare for assessments in listening, reading and writing. Students can prepare for these tests by learning topic specific vocabulary using the Quizlet tasks set as homework on Firefly and by practising past paper questions which can be found on Firefly in the "Revise" section. The topics will range from Healthy and Unhealthy Lifestyles, Relationships with Family and Friends, Free Time and the Media, Holidays and Travel, Home and Environment Work and Education and extracts from a literary text. For the French and German written paper, questions will include tasks set on the topics of School and Family. Students will be required to describe a photo, write a 90- or 150-word task and translate short sentences or a paragraph into French or German.
Geography	Students will sit a one-hour exam on Physical Geography. The topic being assessed in the Year 10 exam are 'The Living World' and 'Physical Landscapes of the UK'. Students should revise both the processes and case studies for each topic. Students can use their AQA Revision Guide (pages 27-46 and 132-138, 157-166) as well as Firefly pages to learn the content for each topic, especially case studies. Students should practise exam technique and PEEL writing structures (especially for six- and nine-mark questions) and familiarise themselves with the command words used in exam questions; they can do this by using the past papers available on Firefly. Students must remember they will also be assessed on map skills and Maths skills in this exam and, therefore, they should revise these skills. Although students can refer to the topic overviews on Firefly so that they can see what content they need to revise for each topic, to support students, we will set them a task on ClassCharts with clear instructions and links to relevant pages.
History	Paper 2 – Early Elizabethan England. Students should revise Key topic 1: Queen, Government and Religion, 1558–69, Key topic 2: Challenges to Elizabeth at Home and Abroad, 1569–88 and Key topic 3: Elizabethan Society in the Age of Exploration, 1558–88. A task has been set on Firefly including a revision list, exam question guidance and links to revision materials.
iMedia	The exam will be on unit R081 – Pre-production documents.
Maths	The paper will be a calculator paper and will cover topics taught this year. A list of topics with revision links will be available on Firefly.
Music	This will cover all the set works. There will be six short answer listening questions, a melodic and rhythmic dictation, an unfamiliar short answer question and one essay question.
PE	The exam will cover the following units: Anatomy and Physiology, Physical Training, Socio-cultural Issues in Sport, Participation, Commercialisation and Ethical Considerations. All revision work is on Firefly in the relevant sections with a variety of helpful resources. Students will be given a revision booklet which they will work through in both class and homework to ensure that they have all the knowledge needed for the exam.
Religious Studies	The exam will focus on a full question (parts a, b and c) examining the three units of the course studied in Years 9 and 10. Q1: Christianity beliefs and teachings Q2: Judaism beliefs and teachings Q3: Issues of Relationships A paper revision booklet will be supplied. Students can also use the signposted Firefly pages and Seneca revision tasks.

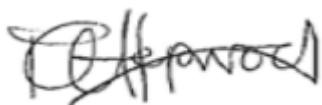
Science	<p>Students will sit one paper for Science covering taught content from all three Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics). Revision materials are available on Firefly.</p> <p>The topics covered will include: Ecology, Cells, Organisation, Metals, Atoms and Bonding, Forces and Motion, Particles and Heat, Electricity.</p>
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I hope you find this information useful in providing specific details on the subjects your son/daughter should be revising between now and the June PPE exams. It is essential that Year 10 students are now setting aside a significant amount of time (in the evenings, on the weekends and over the May holidays) to prepare for these exams. Students will need to strike the right balance during the May holidays in having time to rest and relax as well as setting aside sufficient time for revision. This will not necessarily be easy but if students put the hard work in now, use the half term break wisely and then return ready to do their best, they can be confident of receiving encouraging PPE results. All the revision students undertake for their PPEs will also be relevant for their final exams in the Summer of 2024. Thorough revision for PPEs is an important strategy in staying on top of work and reducing pressure later in the school year.

Formal feedback on performance in PPEs will be given in the Year 10 Grade Reports which will be available online in July 2023.

If you have any further questions regarding these exams, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Subject Leader(s) in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



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Timetable for Year 10 PPEs – June 2023

TIMETABLE FOR YEAR 10 PRE PUBLIC EXAMS – JUNE 2023

	MORNING (PERIODS 1 & 2)		MID MORNING (PERIODS 3 & 4)		AFTERNOON (PERIOD 5)	
MONDAY 19 JUNE	RE	9.05 – 10.35	Business	11.00 – 12.30	Science	1.15 – 2.45
TUESDAY 20 JUNE	English Language	9.05 – 10.50	Food Preparation & Nutrition Music	12.15 – 1.15 12.15 – 1.30	Geography	2.10 – 3.10
WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE	Maths	9.05 – 10.35	French Reading & Writing	11.25 – 12.40	History	1.30 – 2.50
THURSDAY 22 JUNE	English Literature	9.05 – 11.20	German Reading & Writing	12.15 - 1.30	German Listening PE	2.15 – 3.00 2.10 – 3.10
FRIDAY 23 JUNE	DT	9.25 – 10.55	iMedia Computer Science	11.35 – 12.50 11.35 – 1.05	French Listening (H)	2.15 – 3.00