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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Pre-Public Exams - November 2025

I am writing to inform you of the pre-public exams (PPEs) that are due to take place for Year 11 students at Kings Academy from Tuesday 4 November to Friday 14 November 2025.

PPEs are internal exams set by subject teachers. The results do not count towards the final grading of qualifications, if the full examination series is taken in the Summer. However, these exams use exam board assessment materials and mark-schemes and give students a very authentic experience of sitting exams, an excellent preparation for the public exams in the Summer. These exams also give students and their teachers valuable information regarding their current level of performance, their strengths and those areas which they still need to develop in order to achieve their full potential. 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 support your son/daughter to prepare for these important assessments, please find overleaf a timetable indicating when exams in specific subjects will take 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 of start times, venues and seat numbers. A copy will be available in My Child at School for both parents and students. If your son/daughter is unclear they can seek further clarification from their subject teachers.

Business Studies	Students will be sitting a version of Paper 1 which will focus on Business Operations and Human Resources, Business in the Real World and Influences on Business. These areas are clearly listed in the contents page of the new CPG 9-1 Revision Guide. The paper is broken down into three sections. Section A contains six multiple choice questions, short knowledge only questions followed by a series of questions that need to be applied to the context in the question. Sections B and C will be based on real Business case studies with a variety of questions ranging from two to twelve marks.
Computer Science	Students will be tested on the topics previously taught in year 10. This will include: Fundamentals of data representation; Computer systems; Fundamentals of computer networks; Cyber security; Relational databases and structured query language (SQL); and Ethical, legal and environmental impacts of digital technology on wider society, including issues of privacy All students in Year 11 have been issued with Revision Guides, with practice questions. In addition, the Computer Science section of Firefly contains all of the lesson slides, alternative revision guides and practice questions.
Creative iMedia	The exam will be covering the examined unit R093 – Creative iMedia in the Media Industry. This exam is one hour and 30 minutes. This will be a useful opportunity to reinforce your revision for the external assessment in June next year.
Design Technology	The PPE will cover topics previously taught in year 10. The sections that students will be tested on are New and emerging technologies; Materials and their working properties; Material properties; Stock forms, types and sizes; Environmental, social and economic; Specialist techniques and process; and Investigating primary +secondary data

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English Language	Students will sit a full English Language Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives. Students will be asked to answer questions analysing and comparing the methods used in two sources in Section A of the exam. They will read both sources and answer four questions on them: question one tests comprehension; question 2 asks students to make comparisons with inferences; question 3 asks students to analyse language; question 4 asks students to compare writers' ideas and methods. Section B is the writing section of the exam where students will write their own non-fiction text to express their point of view on a given topic. Complete past papers to revise for this PPE.
Food Preparation and Nutrition	Students will sit a full exam paper. This will test knowledge of all content from years 9 and 10. Revision guides and AQA flash cards are the best source of information as for the end of year 10 exam. Reminder of topic areas: Food, Nutrition and Health, Food Science, Food Safety, Food Choice and Food Provenance. The paper has 20 multiple choice questions and then the remainder is a combination of short answer/fill in a table questions and long questions worth up to 12 marks usually on nutrition for a specific dietary need and the environment e.g. genetically modified food, food waste, sustainability etc.
French	PPEs will cover all four skill areas: reading, listening, speaking and writing. For Reading and Listening, questions will cover all topics in the specification (as per the Year 10 PPE). Students will be provided with a vocabulary set on Quizlet of unfamiliar words which they should prepare thoroughly for the exams as well as using revision guide material to practise the skill techniques. For Writing, topics for extended writing will reflect recently studied material. Students should have a reliable knowledge of the core vocab and grammar for these topics as well of the Basics Sheet (Foundation) and Complex Features sheet (Higher). Clear understanding of the exam techniques, such as CROISSANT (Higher and Foundation 90 word task) and PROFS3C1(Higher 150 word task), which will be available in the 'How to Rock the Writing' booklets, is key. For Speaking, which will take place in the week commencing 17th November, students will have a 15 minute preparation window under exam conditions, followed by a 15 minute 1:1 exam with their class teacher. The speaking exam will comprise a 2 minute Role Play task, a 3-5 minute Reading Aloud task followed by unprepared questions and a 4-5 minute photo description task followed by conversation using questions from the Speaking Booklet. Please be aware that teacher Higher/Foundation tier judgements will be significantly led by results of the PPEs.
Geography	Students will be sitting two, one and a half hour examinations. Paper 1 will test all of their physical Geography topics; Natural Hazards, The Living World, Coasts and Rivers. Students must therefore revise all of these topics in detail. The exam will test a range of geographical knowledge and skills through a variety of questions (ranging from multiple choice to extended written answers). Questions will therefore range from one mark questions to nine mark questions. There may be questions in the exam where students will need to use examples or a case study(ies) so it is important they are familiar with any case study content. Paper 2 will test their ability to apply geographical skills and understanding using a pre released document which will be provided in lessons, they will also be tested on their fieldwork knowledge. Students will need to revise their key terminology and both physical and human fieldwork findings for this paper. To ensure they have revised effectively, students should use their exercise books (with 'Topic Overviews' and 'Key Words') and revision guides to prepare for this exam.
History	Students will complete a full Paper 3, focused on the German Depth Study. It will have six questions covering the skills of inference, usefulness, explanation, and three questions focused on interpretation analysis. Students should revise the content of topics 1, 2 and 3 covering Weimar Germany, Hitler's rise to Power 1918-1933 and Hitler's methods of consolidation (becoming Fuhrer) and control 1933-1939. Tasks are set weekly to support students to complete these revision tasks. They should also revise how to answer the exam questions using the revision resources provided.
Maths	Students will complete a Calculator and Non-Calculator paper and are aware of the tier of paper they are currently working towards. We will provide pupils with a topic list with links to SPARX Maths and Corbett Maths to help them with their revision and a half term revision booklet of exam questions.

Music	The music paper is a listening and appraising exam. Students will hear extracts of music taken from four areas of study and will be required to answer questions based on what they have heard. In order to prepare students should revise the following areas of study: Concerto Through Time (1600-1910); Film Music; Rhythms of the World; and Popular Music in Context (1950-present). Students should revise from the study guides they have been given in class. Additional revision materials can be found on GCSE Music - OCR - BBC Bitesize .
P.E.	Students will sit two, 75-minute papers for GCSE PE. In order to prepare for these exams students should focus on all their work since starting the course in Year 9 and what they will have studied up to the end of October in Year 11. Paper 1 will cover Anatomy and Physiology and Physical Training Paper 2 will cover Social Cultural Issues and Sports Psychology We have revision textbooks which can be purchased through the School. We have a variety of resources from past papers to videos of the specific areas, plus there are the lesson materials which the students studied, along with booklets for revision, which can be distributed. These can be printed at school if we are given enough notice.
Religious Studies	Students will sit a 1hr and 30 min RPE paper, which consists of two full questions testing their knowledge, understanding, and evaluation of Judaism and Christianity and a third full question on Issues of life and death. Question 1 of the exam will focus on Jewish beliefs, teachings, and practices, question 2 will focus on Christian beliefs, teachings, and practices; and question 3 will focus on Issues of Life and Death; creation, environment and the role of human and animal life. This requires students to revise the religions and topics they have studied in years 9 and 10. Students will answer three complete questions: each requiring parts a, b, c, and d answers, testing their skills of defining, describing, explaining, and evaluating. Students need to revise using the RPE PPE revision guide and clocks set to them by their subject teacher.
Science	Students will be sitting a paper in each separate science subject the content of which is as follows: Biology – Paper 1 Cell Biology; Organisation; Infection and Response; and Bioenergetics. Chemistry – Paper 1 Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table; Bonding, Structure and the Properties of Matter; Quantitative Chemistry; Chemical Changes; and Energy Changes. Physics – Paper 1 Energy; Electricity; Particle model and matter; and Atomic structure.

I hope you find this information useful in providing specific details on what your son/daughter should be revising between now and the PPE exams. It is essential that Year 11 students are now setting aside a significant amount of time (in the evenings, on the weekends and attending bridging sessions at school) to prepare for these and the Summer exams. The revision students undertake for their PPEs will also be relevant for their final exams in the Summer of 2025. Revising thoroughly for PPEs is an important strategy in staying on top of work in Year 11 and reducing pressure later in the school year.

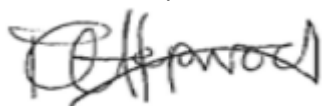
Formal feedback on performance in PPEs will be given in the Year 11 Grade Reports which will be available in December 2025.

You are reminded on Wednesday 15 October there will be a Year 11 Preparation for Success evening with a talk at 5.30pm in the Kings Theatre. This is the same day as Kings' Sixth Open Evening which is also running between 6.00pm and 8.00pm.

Year 11 Parents' Evening is taking place on Thursday 11 December, with subject teaching staff.

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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Deputy Headteacher

TIMETABLE FOR YEAR 11 PRE PUBLIC EXAMS – NOVEMBER 2025

	MORNING (PERIODS 1 & 2)		AFTERNOON (PERIODS 4 & 5)	
TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER	English Language	9.05 – 10.50	Geography 1	1.15 – 2.45
WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER	Biology – Combined Science Biology - Triple	9.05 – 10.20 9.05 – 10.50	RE	1.15 – 2.45
THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER	Maths – non calculator	9.05 – 10.35	French Listening & Reading (F) French Listening & Reading (H)	1.40 – 3.05 1.15 – 3.05
			<i>Students with extra time will start their exams earlier and this will be communicated on their individual timetable</i>	
FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER	Chemistry – Combined Science Chemistry - Triple	9.25 – 10.40 9.25 – 11.05	History	1.15 – 2.45
MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER	Maths - calculator	9.05 – 10.35	PE 1 Music	1.15 – 2.15 1.15 – 2.45
TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER	Physics – Combined Science Physics - Triple	9.05 – 10.20 9.05 – 10.50	Geography 2	1.15 – 2.45
WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER	Business	9.05 – 10.50	DT	1.30 – 2.30
THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER	Computer Science iMedia	9.05 – 10.50 9.05 – 10.35	French Writing (F) French Writing (H)	1.30 – 2.40 1.30 – 2.45
FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER	Food Preparation and Nutrition	9.25 -11.05	PE 2	1.30 – 2.30

The timings for the early lunches will be communicated to students during their exam briefing, tutor sessions and at the end of the morning exam.

When students are not in exams they should attend their timetabled lessons.