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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Important Information for Year 11 Students and Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you of the forthcoming Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) for Year 11 students at Kings Academy, which will take place from Wednesday 4 November to Tuesday 17 November 2026.

PPEs are internal examinations 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 examinations use exam board assessment materials and mark-schemes and give students a very authentic experience of sitting examinations, an excellent preparation for the public examinations in the Summer.

These examinations 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 to achieve their full potential. If students spend time systematically revising and putting in their best effort, these examinations 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 on My Child at School for both parents and students. If your son/daughter is unclear they can seek further clarification from their subject teachers.

Year 11 Sixth Form Taster Day – Tuesday 20 October 2026

All Year 11 students will take part in our Sixth Form Taster Day on Tuesday 20 October 2026. This is an important opportunity for students to experience a range of subjects offered at Key Stage 5, helping them to make informed decisions about their post-16 education and future pathways.

Students may wear non-uniform, but normal school rules regarding jewellery and mobile phones will apply. Students must remain on site throughout the day and are not permitted to leave the school premises.

We encourage all students to approach the day positively, make the most of the opportunities available and use the experience to help inform their choices for the next stage of their education.

During next week, students will complete a form selecting a minimum of four subjects they would like to experience.

Preparation for Success Evening and Sixth Form Open Evening – Wednesday 14 October 2026

We would like to invite you and your child to our Year 11 Preparation for Success Evening and Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 14 October 2026. This is an excellent opportunity for students and their parents/carers to receive valuable guidance on preparing for the forthcoming PPEs and Summer 2027 examinations, while also exploring the opportunities available through our Sixth Form.

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The Preparation for Success presentations will take place in the Hall at 4.45pm and 6.15pm, allowing families to attend the session that best suits them. The first presentation will take place before the Sixth Form Open Evening begins at 5.30pm. These sessions will provide practical advice on effective revision strategies, developing successful study habits and preparing confidently for examinations.

During the Sixth Form Open Evening, all subject areas will be represented by members of staff and/or presentations to showcase the subjects available to study at Key Stage 5. This will give students and their parents/carers the opportunity to find out more about individual courses, explore the curriculum offer and gain a better understanding of the expectations and opportunities associated with studying in the Sixth Form.

We strongly encourage all Year 11 students and their parents/carers to attend both events, where possible. The evening will provide an important opportunity to consider future post-16 pathways alongside gaining the knowledge and strategies needed to succeed in the months ahead.

Preparing for Success

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 2027. 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.

Sixth Form Prospectus

Year 11 students were given a Sixth Form Prospectus during assembly and tutor time today. Copies will be sent home with students who were absent. We encourage students and parents/carers to take time to explore the prospectus and consider the opportunities available for students' next steps beyond Year 11.

Reporting and Parents' Evening

Formal feedback on students' performance in the PPEs will be provided through the Year 11 Grade Reports, which will be available in December 2026. Our Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 10 December 2026, providing an opportunity to meet with subject teachers to discuss your child's progress.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child make the most of this important year. By working together, we can ensure that our Year 11 students are well prepared, confident and equipped to achieve their full potential.

If you have any further questions regarding the PPEs, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Subject Leader in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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