



3rd February 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 13 PPE's

I am writing to inform you that Year 13 students will be sitting their final set of Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) after the February half term, beginning on **Monday 23rd February**. These PPEs mark a particularly important milestone, as they represent the final opportunity for students to practise under formal examination conditions before their A Level examinations in the summer.

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Year 13 students on the wide range of UCAS offers they have secured. This is a significant and well-deserved achievement, reflecting the ambition, commitment, and maturity they have shown throughout their time in the Sixth Form. While it is important to recognise and celebrate this success, it is equally important that students now remain focused and motivated. The coming months are crucial, and sustained effort and hard work will be essential to ensure they achieve the grades required to secure their chosen university places.

The upcoming PPEs provide a valuable and meaningful checkpoint in this final stage of their studies. They will allow students to identify strengths, highlight areas for improvement, and refine their exam technique, while also enabling teachers to provide targeted guidance and support. A copy of the PPE timetable is attached for your reference, and we would strongly encourage students to prepare thoroughly and approach these examinations with purpose and determination.

As students progress through this final phase of Year 13, independent study becomes increasingly important. All independent study tasks will now include carefully directed revision set by subject teachers. The completion of this work is more vital than ever, as it is specifically designed to consolidate knowledge, address misconceptions, and build the confidence required for success in the summer examinations.

Earlier in the academic year, we distributed revision guides purchased to support students with their preparation. In addition to these, students also have access to highly effective online platforms such as Seneca and Uplearn. When used regularly and thoughtfully, these platforms are proven to significantly support progress, and we strongly encourage students to make full use of them as part of a structured revision routine.

Also, during the February half term we will be running revision conferences for Year 13. Teachers will confirm with their students if they are expected to attend and the timetable is attached. I would very strongly recommend that students take this opportunity for supported revision before their PPEs.

Finally, I am pleased to confirm that the Year 13 Prom will take place on Thursday 18th June, in the evening following the final Mathematics examination. This will be a well-earned opportunity for students to celebrate the culmination of their hard work and dedication over the past two years.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. The weeks ahead will be demanding, but with resilience, consistency, and a positive mindset, we are confident that Year 13 students can achieve outcomes of which they can be truly proud.

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Yours faithfully,

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