

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for all your support for our Year 11 students this half term as they work towards their November PPE exams.

Details of the timetable, revision topic list etc can all be found on our website
<https://www.deptfordgreen.lewisham.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+11&pid=216>

Half term sessions

You may have received an email from me inviting students to sessions over half term. Please note that there was a typo for two of the dates. To confirm, **Sports Studies sessions will be on Monday 19th October at 9:15.**

Attendance and Punctuality to exams

Prompt arrival and attendance to all exams is essential. If students miss a final GCSE exam then it cannot be re-scheduled. If students are late then they may not be permitted to enter after the cut off time.

For this round of PPEs and going forward we will be strengthening our rules around attendance and punctuality to bring ourselves in line with other schools and to ensure that students do not miss exams without good reason.

- Students are expected to attend all exams.
- If a student is absent from an exam, this should only be where it is completely unavoidable e.g. serious illness or injury and must be supported with formal medical evidence.
- If a student is absent without formal medical evidence, they will receive a U grade for that exam.
- Students must arrive on time for their exams.
- If a student arrives more than 15 minutes late to an exam without unavoidable exceptional circumstances e.g. widespread travel disruption then they will not be permitted to enter the exam and will receive a U grade.
- If your child is running late to school due to exceptional circumstances, they must notify the school in advance to ensure that appropriate advice and next steps can be given. Please call the school directly or email Mr. Charles or Mr. Callaghan.

Expectations during the PPEs

Throughout the PPE period it is essential that students adhere to the behaviour expectations at all times, as in their final GCSE exams they are liable for disqualification if any of the regulations are broken. Please spend a few minutes reminding your child of these expectations ahead of the exams next week:

- Students are expected to have full equipment for every exam, including a calculator, ruler and specialist Maths equipment.
- Pencil cases must be clear plastic without any writing on it.
- Students are permitted to bring water into the exam, but this must be in a clear plastic bottle without any writing.
- Students must not communicate in any way with other students in the exam hall.

- All phones must be switched off and left in bags or given to the invigilators. No watches are permitted; smart watches should be turned off.
- Unless they have a toilet pass, students are not permitted to leave the exam hall during an exam.
- Normal uniform expectations apply.

Revision

Over the two-week break, students should spend time revising to ensure they are as prepared as possible for their exams. I would recommend a minimum of 2-3 hours a day at this stage over the holidays with a number of rest days factored in.

Supporting young people to revise is one of the highest impact things you can do.

- Agreed space for completing work at home.
- Support them to stick to schedule.
- Phone free environment for this time.
- Check class charts regularly. If you require log in details please email directly, re-issuing your code takes seconds.

All subjects have given students resources and guidance on what they should study during this time. In most cases this will also be uploaded to classcharts and/ or teams.

For core subjects:

Maths	All students have received a Maths topic list. Recommended website · Corbettmaths – 5-a-day practice, video tutorials, and revision cards mapped directly to GCSE specs. Recommended revision resources · Mathsgenie – Topic-by-topic past paper questions broken down by grade grades (1 to 9). OnMaths – Interactive predicted papers and mock exams with instant feedback.
Science	• During Summer term all students received a booklet of Paper 1 knowledge organisers. • All students have received a free copy of the 'CGP' 10 minute tests workbook. • The school also has CGP revision guides on sale through parent pay.
English	All students have been given a PPE revision booklet for the holidays. They have also been working on a Literature and Language booklet for home learning. This should already be completed, but should be re-visited as a powerful revision tool.

Thank you again for your support.

Best wishes,

Mr. Callaghan

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