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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 11 PPE 2 (mocks) Wednesday 4th February - Thursday 5th March 2026

I would like to commend Year 11 for the start they have made to Term 3 and for the commitment they have shown to their studies during Terms 1 and 2.

To help gauge the progress students have made since the first set of mock exams completed back in November, Year 11 will be sitting a second suite of exams later this term.

These PPEs (Pre Public Exams) will take place in the weeks either side of the February half-term: **Wednesday 4th February - Thursday 5th March 2026.**

These exams will cover a combination of subject content taught since the last mocks as well as material from across the whole course. The exams will also be the last formal assessment period prior to the actual GCSE examinations starting on May 7th, so it is vital that students complete all papers in all subjects they study.

Exam timetable

A detailed timetable for the exams, along with an overview of the content being assessed, can be found in the [PPE Key information booklet](#) linked to the [Broadoak Academy website](#). This resource also includes a range of useful revision websites to support your child's preparation.

Attendance and punctuality

I would like to stress the importance of **full attendance** to exams and want to enlist your support to ensure students are in on time every day during the PPE examination period to develop effective routines now ahead of the summer exam season.



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If a student is absent, a member of the attendance team will contact home each morning to offer support and ensure they are able to attend and sit their exams. Please avoid making any medical appointments during these weeks to ensure students can sit all their exams.

Please also reiterate the importance of arriving in good time for the exams. Every day there are important exam briefings held just before the morning exam to help prepare students for the paper and ensure they can enter the exam space in a calm and ordered manner ready to do their best. It must also be noted that should students arrive late for the actual GCSE exams it is highly likely they won't be allowed to enter the exam space.

Exam Tips for Students

To help your child feel confident and prepared, here are some useful exam tips:

- **Plan a revision timetable** and stick to it—little and often is more effective than cramming just before the exam.
- **Use active revision techniques** such as flashcards, Cornell Note Taking, mind maps, and practice exam questions.
- **Take regular breaks** to stay focused and avoid burnout.
- **Get plenty of sleep**—rest is essential for memory and concentration.
- **Stay hydrated and eat well** to keep energy levels up.
- **Ask for help**—teachers are here to support with any questions or concerns.

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." — Robert Collier

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child achieve their best. We wish our students all the best as they enter this assessment period.

Yours sincerely,

David McFaul
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