

Tapton SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 10 Trial Exams Week Beginning Monday 13th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Year 10 PPE, pre-public examinations will begin the week beginning Monday 13th April; the examination timetable is currently being finalised and will be shared with students and families in due course. Subject specific details for all exams are attached to this letter. Subject teachers will also be outlining the expectations and demands of these exams to students during lessons. Here are some key details to be aware of:

- All morning examinations begin at 9:00am, which is the same time as national exams, therefore it is important for students to get into the habit of arriving at school for approximately 8.45. The examination will start at 9; students need to be seated by 8.50.
- Students must attend school in full school uniform.
- Please avoid making any non-urgent appointments during the exam phase as we may be able to reschedule missed exams; national exams start on the 7th May 2025 and therefore we will not have the capacity to slot in missed exams.
- JCQ guidelines state that students must hand in all mobile phones and all watches to invigilators prior to entering the exam venue. Students will be given a reusable case for mobile phones and watches; these cases must be handed in to invigilators before every exam.
- Students must ensure they bring the correct equipment to school, including a calculator, protractor, black pens, ruler, a pair of compasses and a pencil. For national exams students who use a pencil case must ensure it is clear.
- Students wishing to take a bottle of water into the exam room must ensure it is clear and entirely free of labels.
- We expect all students to have excellent levels of effort, behaviour and punctuality.
- Please be aware if you usually collect your child from school, we will always dismiss students directly from their afternoon examinations.

The Year 10 examinations are a crucial part of the preparation for the final GCSE examinations and should be approached with a similar degree of seriousness and effort. Whilst I do not anticipate any violations of exam rules, we will deal with poor behaviour with the utmost seriousness. ***Please be aware that teachers will use performance in these exams to award Sheffield Progress Grades in Year 11; these grades will accompany all post-16 applications. Post-16 applications cannot progress where a grade does not meet the entry requirements for a particular course.***

As always, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at school or via email hgrewal@taptonschool.co.uk We fully appreciate your support at home in ensuring your child reaches their full potential.

Yours sincerely



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