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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

**Year 11 Pre-Public Exam Week W/B 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and Contingency Measures for National Exams**

In order to fully prepare our students for the challenges of final examinations, Year 11 students will have a final Pre-Public Examination series the week beginning Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Please find attached the subject specific guidance; a final timetable will be shared in the new year. Year 11 students will have a combination of examinations and lessons during the exam phase. Students will need to bring revision materials to lessons so that, where possible, they can revise when they are not in an examination. Whilst there is no exam leave for this phase, where students have an examination in the afternoon, they will be dismissed for home directly from the exam venue.

These examinations will take place in the Hall and New Hall under examination conditions. Students will be expected to hand in mobile phones and all watches to invigilators prior to entry into the exam room as per the updated regulations from JCQ. There are always sufficient clocks in examination rooms for students to monitor the time. Students must also ensure they have the relevant equipment, including a calculator, black pens, pencils, an eraser, a protractor, a pair of compasses, and a ruler. Updated guidance from JCQ now insists that students can only take transparent water bottles into exam venues.

Please note that in line with the Ofqual guidance, in the extremely unlikely event that examinations are cancelled the outcomes of these trial examinations will be used as evidence to calculate Teacher Assessed Grades and **therefore, all completed exam papers must remain in school and cannot be released to students and families.**

To support families with the final months of Year 11 leading to the national exams, I would like to invite you to a short **Examination Information Evening on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm** in the school hall. The meeting will last approximately 30-45 minutes with an opportunity for questions at the end. This is the final formal information evening of the year for Year 11 and therefore we absolutely appreciate your attendance and support. Year 11 students will receive this information in assembly and form time and therefore due to capacity in the hall your child does not need to attend. If you have a specific question or concern you would like us to highlight on the evening, please can you provide details via email to [hgrewal@taptonschool.co.uk](mailto:hgrewal@taptonschool.co.uk) and we will endeavour to address it on the evening.

We fully appreciate your support in ensuring your child reaches their full potential. I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Harkiran'.

Ms Harkiran Grewal  
Co-Head of School

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