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Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations (PPE) - W/C Monday 29th September 2025

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

As shared with you before the summer holiday, in the week beginning Monday 29th September Year 11 students will have a mock examination fortnight. From this year all secondary schools across our Trust will be renaming trial or mock examinations as PPEs – Pre-Public Examinations. During this fortnight students will complete a series of examinations in their GCSE and vocational subjects. Subject specific guidance around the examinations and revision is attached to this letter.

We will share an examination timetable for the PPEs with students and families closer to the time. Attendance to school is of paramount importance; please note that if your child misses an examination or an assessment it may not be possible to reschedule it.

From Monday 8th September Year 11 students will be able to use our afterschool revision space and silent study space supervised by myself, Mrs Morris and our Academic Mentor Mr Kelly. Students can use this resource to complete one hour of silent revision, complete homework, use the school computers and ask for support and help with their work. Year 11 students can also nominate a period of Core PE to use for revision; letters for this revision slot were sent before the summer and this provision will start in the third week of this term. Please be aware if your child was not meeting potential in several subjects in the last track they will be directed to the PE intervention if they have not already selected it.

The results of the examinations and assessments will be reported to students, parents and carers in the tracking to be released on the 5th November and in time for the Year 11 Progress Evening on the 19th November. Results and next steps will be discussed during the Progress Evening appointments with individual teachers.

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 look forward to seeing you at the Year 11 Next Steps and Year Ahead evening on Tuesday 18th September. We fully appreciate your support at home in ensuring your child reaches their full potential.

Yours sincerely

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

Ms Harkiran Grewal
Co-Head of School

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