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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 10 Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) January 2024

Following on from our recent Year 10 GCSE Success Evening, we are writing to inform you of the arrangements for the upcoming Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs). If you were unable to attend the evening, your child will have received the revision resources pack this week and all the presentations are available on the school website, which can be found by selecting Menu>Parents>Year information, this is also accessible in the following link <https://www.poltairschool.co.uk/yearinformation>.

The PPEs will be held in classrooms during usual lesson times between Monday 15th January and Friday 26th January 2024. To support your child in preparing for their PPEs we will be using the following strategies:

1. Sticking to a revision timetable

There is a copy of a revision timetable in the Year 10 knowledge organisers. This timetable should be completed so every student has planned when they will complete their home learning and revision every day. Please encourage the completion of this timetable and praise and reward when your child sticks to it.

2. #revise

On Monday 13th November we officially launched #revise50. This is a strategy that we are using that helps students to commit to 50 hours of revision ahead of their first PPEs. There are 63 days between 13th November and the start of the assessments, which equates to just over $\frac{3}{4}$ an hour a day. We are trying to encourage students to build effective routines with their independent learning and revision. It always pays to start revision early, building backwards from the assessment to ensure there is enough time to cover all the content and build in downtime. An interesting blog for parents to read about revision, can be found in the following link <https://www.tassomai.com/blog-content/2021/11/4/a-parents-guide-to-gcse-revision>

3. SORT

SORT provides students with a structure and toolkit to help them revise ahead of assessments. SORT is designed to support students in organising themselves, summarising the key knowledge they need to know, giving them strategies to help memorise the key knowledge and then test recall and retrieval of the key knowledge. We have all our SORT resources on the school website for parents and students to access at any time and is also accessible in the following link <https://www.poltairschool.co.uk/sort>.

We will be talking to the students about their PPEs and supporting them to prepare in assemblies, tutor times and in their lessons. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor, the Head of Year or one of us.

Yours sincerely

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