

# Year 11 Parent Bulletin

## Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025



It was fantastic to welcome Year 11 back to School last Monday. I hope all students and families had a restful break.

We begin our PPE's W/B Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Please can I remind you that students will be asked to remove blazers, the sports hall will have heating, if you wish your child can wear a grey V neck jumper. During this time there will be no new content taught in lessons, all learning will be revision based to support preparedness for the PPE's. Attendance during this period is essential so we as class teachers know what gaps students have in their learning so that we can address this in readiness for the summer exams. Whilst there is a catch up session that we will run for the PPE's students are aware that there will not be a catch up in the real exams and we encourage students to be in every day.



**Miss Dingwall**  
Head of Year 11

We do appreciate that this can be a stressful time for students. If you need any guidance for coping with exam stress the charity Mind has some fantastic resources which can be accessed via the link below.



Any questions on exams please just ask.

## November PPE Timetable

Week 1 (B)	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November
Start 9am (PEP Talk: 8:45am)		Geography End: 10:15am (ET: 10:34am)	Spanish Reading End: 9:45am/10am (ET: 9:56am/10:15am)	Spanish Listening End: 9:45am/10am (ET: 9:56am/10:15am)	Maths Paper 2 End: 10:30am (ET: 10:53am)
Start 11:30am (PEP Talk: 11:15am)	Maths Paper 1- Non Calculator End: 13:00pm (ET: 13:25pm)	Biology End: 12:45pm Combined End: 13:15pm (Triples: 13:41pm)	English Language End: 13:15pm (ET: 13:41)	Chemistry End: 13:15pm (ET:13:41pm)	
Week 2 (A)	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November
Start 9am (PEP Talk: 8:45am)		Computer Science End: 10:30am (ET: 10:53am)	History Paper 1 End: 10:30am (ET: 10:53am)	History Paper 2 End: 9:55am (ET: 10:09am)	Catch Ups
Start 11:30am (PEP Talk: 11:15am)	English Literature End: 13:15pm (ET: 13:41pm)	Maths Paper 3 End: 13:00pm (ET: 13:23pm)	Further Maths End: 13:15pm (ET: 13:41)  Statistics End: 13:00pm (ET: 13:23pm)	Physics End: 13:15pm (ET:13:41pm)	Catch Ups

# Prep Sessions

Week A  
W/C 10<sup>th</sup> November

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>History</b> <b>Paper 2: American West</b> Big overview of American West and a focus on skills for the narrative and importance questions EWA, KMC, JED, NTR H1, H2 & H3	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Science</b> <b>Paper 1 Chemistry:</b> Required practical - NCO/JTH - S1 <b>Paper 1 Biology:</b> Required practical revision - RSO/CDI - S2 <b>Paper 1 Physics:</b> Required practical revision - JWE/EFR - S4	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Geography</b> Modelling 4 & 6 markers for Living World and Coasts JPE - E10	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Art</b> Completion of the PPE/sketchbook work EPE - CLC4	<b>Vocational (Health &amp; Social Care, Sport, Hospitality, Engineering, Music, Performing Arts, Creative Media)</b> PSA Catch Up - Invite only (sent via ClassCharts) PMA/JTU - CLC5

## Vocational Updates



You may hear your child mention that they are working on a "PSA." This stands for Pearson Set Assignment. PSAs are completed during lesson time but under controlled conditions. They are currently taking place in the following subject areas:

Subject	Deadline
BTEC Health & Social Care	17 <sup>th</sup> November
BTEC Creative Media Production	17 <sup>th</sup> November
BTEC Performing Arts	24 <sup>th</sup> November
BTEC Music	8 <sup>th</sup> December
WJEC Hospitality & Catering	12 <sup>th</sup> January
WJEC Engineering	

**BTEC Tech Award Information**



**WJEC Information**



# Revising for your Maths PPEs

We are recommending three strategies for students to prepare for their Maths PPEs:

1. Completing Sparx homework each week — topics are chosen to support PPE success.
2. Using the revision lists with Sparx codes — students have paper copies to guide independent practice.
3. Using the new Sparx Revision tool — tailored questions linked to the PPE papers are available on students' Sparx homepage.

## Support Available

Daily drop-in support is available in the ARC during Break 1 and Break 2 for help with Sparx, revision, or any other maths questions.

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## Your invitation to our Careers Fair

We are pleased to invite you and your child to our upcoming Joint Careers Fair, hosted in partnership between Poltair School, Penrice Academy and Brannel School.

This event is an exciting opportunity for students to explore a wide range of employers, apprenticeship and training providers, colleges, universities, armed forces representatives, and local organisations, offering an inspiring insight into the variety of pathways available to our young people.


 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025

 Poltair School

 5pm - 7pm

 Years 9, 10 & 11

To help us manage numbers, students should register their place via our school website, where you will also find a full list of exhibitors who will be attending:

 [Register & See Exhibitors](#)

